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OVRs sees welcomed uptick in volunteers

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG -- For the first time in years Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad is reporting an uptick in volunteers.

That's a welcome change from a national trend that's left volunteer departments short-handed and rural areas vulnerable.

Like most rescue squads and fire departments the OVRs saw a drastic decline in volunteers in the wake of COVID-19.

Chief Ken Gardner said the reasons for the decline ranged from stricter state regulations and training requirements, a downturn in the economy which made it more difficult for volunteers to find time and change in culture that steered away from volunteerism.

"Our current roster comprises 39 volunteers, and at the time of this report, we have received one additional volunteer application. Despite the current trend of declining volunteer membership among most Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies in New York State, the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad has not been exempted from this trend. However, we have witnessed a resurgence in our membership in 2024," Gardner shared in

SEE VOLUNTEERS ON 21.



Professional Firefighters | Courtesy

Dr. Wilfredo Perez, owner of the Java Vet Center, has filed a notice of claim against the village of Massena and Mayor Greg Paquin. He had previously done the same against fire departments who responded when his clinic burned in 2022.

Vet suing Massena village for 2022 fire

Claims of negligence against volunteer firefighters, towns, village in documents

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A Louisville veterinarian who originally filed a lawsuit against the towns of Louisville and Massena, along with the Louisville and Massena Volunteer Fire Departments, is now amending the complaint to include the village of Massena.

According to court documents obtained by NCTW, Dr. Wilfredo Perez, owner of Java's Veterinary Center, filed a motion to amend the lawsuit on Jan. 22, 2025 to include the village.

"Upon information and belief, defendant Village of Massena is a municipal corporation in the County of St. Lawrence, duly organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, responsible for

'...the entities involved "negligently failed to train and supervise the firefighters who responded to the fire at Java.'

Wilfredo Perez
From lawsuit documents

public safety, which includes establishing fire departments tasked with fighting and preventing fire hazards," the amendment states. In the motion filed by Perez's attorney

Jorge Marquez of Scarinci Hollenbeck, New York City, Perez claims the entities involved in battling the Oct. 28, 2022 blaze that destroyed the clinic showed "reckless disregard and may be personally responsible because of their willful negligence or malfeasance."

He also claims the town of Louisville, town of Massena and village of Massena "assumed a positive direction and control in the face of the known, blatant, and dangerous safety violation by condoning the actions that led to the fire rekindling," which ultimately led to a total loss of the structure.

Perez also claims the entities involved "negligently failed to train and supervise the firefighters who responded to the fire

SEE LAWSUIT ON 21.

Gendebien says he isn't beholden to Albany or Washington D.C.

Lisbon man gets unanimous support from Dems for NY-21 race

BY JIMMY LAWTON
North Country This Week

LISBON -- The Democratic Chairs of NY-21 are unanimously supporting Blake Gendebien as their special election candidate for the New York 21st Congressional District.

Gendebien will now run against an unknown Republican candidate to replace outgoing Congresswoman Elise Stefanik. Stefanik is likely to be approved as President Donald Trump's pick as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations in the

coming days.

Though no timetable has been established for the election, it is believed real estate salesperson Liz Joy, of Glens Falls, and local businessman Josh Parker, of Canton, along with St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Chairman David Forsythe, State Senator Dan Stec, businessman Anthony Constantino and up to seven other potential nominees are still in the running.

"The 15 Democratic Chairmen of NY-21 announced their unanimous support for longtime North



Blake Gendebien

Country resident Blake Gendebien as the candidate they will nominate when and if a Special Election is called. Gendebien, owner and President of Twin Mill Farms in Lisbon, New York since 2002 as well as Vice-Chairman of Agri-Mark Dairy Cooperative covering New York and New England, brings an authentic voice that will fight for sensible solutions to the challenges affecting NY-21 and this nation. As a husband, father, farmer, small business owner and former school board member, Blake will fight to lower costs and

secure our borders. An outsider to the political arena, Blake Gendebien embodies the voice and grit that distinguishes this district," Democratic Chairs said in a release.

In a recent interview with North Country This Week Gendebien said he is a candidate who is not beholden to parties and will seek to represent the North Country.

"I'm not a politician. I'm a farmer at heart who cares about my neighbors. I don't have pressure from Albany. I don't have pressure

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Memorial service planned for family lost in fire

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A memorial service will be held for a family of six who lost their lives in a house fire on Jan. 28.

According to a release from Phillips Memorial Home, the memorial service for the Bowen family and grandmother Diana Avery will be held at Emmanuel Congregational Church on Friday, Feb. 7 from 1-5 p.m.

The service will be held for Thomas Bowen, 38, his wife, Tiara

Bowen, 33, their children, Joshua Bowen, 14, Eli Bowen, 9, Karmen Bowen, 6, and Bowen's mother Diana Avery.

All six perished in the late night hours of Jan. 28 as the home they lived in, located at 6 Chase Street, became engulfed in flames.

All three children were students of the Massena Central School District, as was confirmed in a Facebook post by Superintendent Ron Burke.

In an act of remembrance, Massena Central School will dismiss early on Friday, Feb. 7 to allow fac-

ulty, staff, and students to attend the memorial services for the Bowen family, school officials said.

Grades 7-12 will dismiss at 10:30 a.m. with no afternoon BOCES.

Elementary students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Bagged lunches will be available for all students.

Athletic games and practices will proceed as scheduled.

Students who normally attend PAL will receive further communication from them directly, school officials said.

Complete obituaries for the fam-

ily can be found on page 20.

Friends and family can share condolences, memories and photos of those lost by visiting phillipsmemorial.com

Following the news of the fire, condolences poured in online, including from Massena Central School Superintendent Ron Burke.

National Grid phone scam hits St. Lawrence County

BY JOSH DAVIS
North Country This Week

OGDENSBURG – A new round of phone scams is circulating in St. Lawrence County.

Sherman Inn owner Donna Reagen says her business in Ogdensburg received a scam call from someone claiming to be from National Grid and attempting to collect an overdue bill.

"I knew it was false," she said, but wanted to make the public aware to prevent others from becoming subject to fraud.

She said she was given a case number to provide with a payment, adding that these types of calls try to intimidate the answerer into complying with their demands.

"You get into a panic" she said, saying that scammers use fear to urge their victims into compliance.

State Police Public Information officer Brandi Ashley said that Troopers had not been alerted of the National Grid scam as of Thursday morning, but warned against providing any personal information over the phone.

Trooper Ashley also warned against ever using gift cards as a form of payment.

Do not send gift cards for a type payment if people are requesting it, is the main thing we need to focus on. Do not provide personal information over the phone.

National Grid is aware of these scams and provides information to help consumers know when a scammer is calling.

The utility says that your Caller ID may even say "National Grid" when a scammer is calling, but does not call consumers to collect payments in this fashion.

If you are dealing with someone over the phone, note that National Grid representatives will know your account number; never offer that information to a caller.

Consumers can also ask the caller to provide the last five digits of their National Grid account number.

If the caller doesn't know your account number and you have any doubt the caller is a National Grid representative, or if they have any questions about your account balance, hang up immediately.

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Soup kitchen under construction at Massena S.A.

BY CHERYL SHUMWAY
North Country This Week

MASSENA – The dream for a soup kitchen is now coming true, with construction underway at Massena Salvation Army.

The commercial kitchen is expected to be completed by Easter to be able to serve Easter dinner.

“It was our hope to have a soup kitchen in Massena when we came here four years ago. We hit the ground and started fundraising,” said Pastors/Lieutenants Nick and Jenn White.

“We thank you for all the support and donations to make this project of just over \$170,000 possible for this community in need, to serve those who have limited access to food and prepared meals,” said Nick White.

The Salvation Army is planning to open the soup kitchen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,” he said.

“This will be in partnership with Massena First United Methodist Church, which now serves a dinner meal one day a week,” said Nick White.

The Methodist Church and Salvation Army are planning to work together to eventually offer meals five days each week, said Nick

White.

Expansion at the Salvation Army building was needed to accommodate a state-certified commercial kitchen, with a three-base sink and commercial hood.

Donors for the kitchen construction include Arconic Foundation, Empire State Development Fund, SeaComm Federal Credit Union, Northern New York Community Foundation, Brookfield Renewables, Liberty Utilities, Hindsite Records, Stewart’s Foundation, Freedom Mechanical, Northern Credit Union, Community Bank of Massena, BJ’s Foundation, Air Products and the Duso family.

Monetary donations toward equipment, such as the fryer and dishwasher cookware, are still being accepted.

The Salvation Army is also seeking community sponsors to help with the food costs for the soup kitchen meals.

Currently, they receive food for their food bank from Massena and Potsdam Walmart stores and the Food Bank of Central New York. More funding is needed to support the weekly soup kitchen.

The Whites thanked Darren Caldwell, Caldwell Contracting for their construction work and their architects, Robella Associates.



NCNOW photo

Construction is underway for a soup kitchen at Massena Salvation Army. Pastors / Lieutenants Jenn and Nick White, in front, show the construction work being done by Darren Caldwell, left, and Bryan Swiger, of Caldwell Contracting.

Accused of choking, assault during domestic

A Waddington man accused of choking and assaulting another person during a domestic dispute was indicted on numerous charges Thursday by a St. Lawrence County grand jury.

Indictments against Jonathan MacDonald, 41, of 139 Oak St., were second-degree strangulation, second-degree assault, first-degree unlawful imprisonment, first-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree menacing, third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and one count each of first and second-degree criminal contempt.

According to court documents, it is alleged that on Oct. 5 in Waddington, MacDonald caused injured another person by applying pressure on the throat, restrained them, possessed and displayed a deadly weapon, acted in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental or moral welfare of a children less than 17 years old, all in violation of an order of protection issued Nov. 1.

Fowler woman takes plea deal in death of infant

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- A Fowler woman who was indicted on a murder charge in the killing of a baby in Fowler during the summer of 2023 has taken a plea deal.

According to the St. Lawrence County District Attorney’s Office, Tiara Allen, 27, has pleaded guilty to first-degree assault in the death of a five-month old child on July 7, 2023.

First-degree felony assault carries a mandatory minimum of five years in prison for a first time offender, with a maximum sentence of up to 25 years.

Allen was originally indicted for Murder in the Second Degree, Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Assault in the First Degree, Reckless Assault of a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in regards to the death of the child.

She has been held in St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility since the incident on \$250,000 bail.

Prior to the murder charge, Allen was arraigned for charges of reckless assault of a child, and endangering the welfare of a child and ordered held in lieu of \$10,000 cash, \$20,000 bond.

Police said Allen was charged after an investigation determined that on July 7, 2023 around 9:40 a.m., she was in the care of her boyfriend’s 5-month-old child at their residence on Sand Road in the town of Fowler. Allen allegedly became “frustrated with the child’s incessant crying” and began to shake the child, police said.

Shortly thereafter, the child became unresponsive and was transported to Gouverneur Hospital.

The child was transported to Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital, Syracuse, NY, where the child was diagnosed with Anoxic Brain Injury and Subdural Hematomas as result of Allen’s actions, police said.

The child died as a result of the injuries.

On July 13, 2023 Allen, was

charged for reckless assault of a child, and endangering the welfare of a child, but now more severe charges have been filed in the wake of the victim’s death.

With the plea deal now in place, Allen will continue to be held at St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility.

She will be sentenced on April 2 at 10 a.m. in St. Lawrence County Court.



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Karin Blackburn | Submitted

Mark Bomyea, on the left, was named the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association (SLCFCA) 2024 Firefighter of the Year. Bomyea is pictured with Jeff Hammond, fellow Rensselaer Falls Fire Department member and SLCFCA President.

Bomyea named SLC firefighter of year

LAWRENCEVILLE – Mark Bomyea, a member of the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department, was honored as the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association 2024 Firefighter of the Year had their January meeting at Lawrenceville Fire Department last month.

Bomyea was nominated by the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department. His nomination letter read: "Mark Bomyea has been honorably serving this department for the past 31 years. Over the years, he has served our department as Chief, 1st Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Trustee, Fire Police and Training Officer. He has also served as an EMT for Rensselaer Falls Rescue Squad. He was very instrumental in starting our First Responder Program that started in 1989, being one of our first EMTs. Currently, Mark belongs to the St. Lawrence County Haz-Mat Team, Fire Advisory Board, Believe NNY, St. Lawrence County Fire Training Center, and is also a New York State Certified Fire Service Instructor. Mark formerly belonged to the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs as Pres-

ident, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Director, and is currently a member. Mark was also an American Heart Association CPR/1st Aid Instructor."

"Mark Bomyea is a dedicated advocate for community safety, a true team player, always willing to support fellow members and mentor newer members. His positive attitude and unwavering commitment to the fire service inspires those around them. Over the years, many have witnessed Mark's exceptional dedication, unwavering courage, and exemplary performance in the line of duty, consistently going above and beyond expectations."

In conclusion, Mark Bomyea embodies the highest standards of professionalism and service within our department, making him an outstanding candidate for the "Firefighter of the Year" award. He has maturity, commitment, and integrity, and takes his job very seriously. On behalf of the members of the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department, it is with great honor that we nominate Mark Bomyea as this year's St. Lawrence County Fire Chief's Fireman of the Year.

BRIEFLY

Ogdensburg woman recognized
OGDENSBURG -- Bailey Friot, a Senior Biology major from Ogdensburg, and Eliza Hodgdon, a Freshman Theatre Arts and Communications major from Hammond, were named to the dean's list at Le

Moyne College.

Massena woman on dean's list
MASSENA -- Alyssa Margaret Fountaine, Massena, was named to the Kutztown University dean's list.

Dozens of local college students honored at SUNY Potsdam

The following Massena and Ogdensburg area students were named to the President's List for the Fall 2024 semester at SUNY Potsdam.

To achieve the honor of being on the President's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The honorees included:

Akwasne: Annabelle Mitchell, whose major is Sociology.

Brasher Falls: Hannah Agans, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Zorah Barses, major is Music Education, Audrey Clark, major is Computer Science, Hayden Clark, major is Public Health, Sean Perry, major is Computer Science, Drew Rose, major is Business Administration, Tommy Storrin, major is Middle/Secondary Mathematics Education, and Emily Taylor, major is Middle/Secondary English Education.

DePeyster: Payton Felix, major is Business Administration.

Hammond: Caden Bromley, major is Computer Science, and Grace Smith, major is Middle/Secondary Earth Science Education.

Heuvelton: Caprice Keith, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, and Lily Spooner, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education.

Hogansburg: Kyrsha Angus, major is Psychology, Reagan Clute-Francis, major is Art Studio, Cobie Cree, major is Business Administration, Rachel Garrow, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, and Debbie Smoke, major is Business Administration.

Lisbon: Dmitri Ben, major is Middle/Secondary Social Studies Education,

Emma Gravlin, major is Criminal Justice Studies, Laycee Putney, major is Politics, and Marissa Robinson, major is Business Administration.

Massena: Riana Baxter, major is Exercise Science, Aliyah Bingham, major is Business Administration, Julia Blair, major is Psychology, Makayla Bolia, major is Psychology, Rebecca Casselman, major is Politics, Makayla Farmer, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Grace Fredericks, major is Art Education (Pre-K-12), Carly Garcia, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Casey Hooper, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Gideon Jagers, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Yanik LeBlanc, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Delaney Losey, major is Anthropology, Daniel Mariano, major is Politics, Lee Necaise, major is Psychology, Kailee Paige, major is Exercise Science, Eliza Rosemyer, major is Public Health, Auna Shadle, major is Exercise Science, Noah Southworth, major is Psychology, Maddy Taylor, major is English and Creative Writing, Hailey Thompson, major is Business Administration, and Gracen Villnave, major is Psychology.

Morristown: Tristin Simmons, major is Criminal Justice Studies, and Addison VanTassel, major is Mathematics.

Ogdensburg: Josh Angle, major is Sociology, Ryan Bonadonna, major is Sociology, Tony Brown, major is Sociology, Danny Cabral, major is Sociology, Ashleigh Calton, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Kiara Chase, major is Arts Management, Ryan Clement, is Sociology, Drew Costello, major is Criminal Justice Studies, Violeta DeGroat, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Thomas Demers, major is Mathematics, Makhtar Diouf, major is Sociology, Karissa Donnelly, major is Environmental

Science, Emily Downey, major is Graphic Design and New Media, Kenny Eastman, major is Sociology, Abby Evans, major is Psychology, Ellie Foster, major is Anthropology, Morgan Fox, major is Business Administration, Delia Hooper, major is Psychology, Kiera Johnson, major is Psychology, Olivia Lawton, major is Exploratory/Undeclared, Michael Malseptic, major is Sociology, Lara Martin, major is Biology, Fino Martinez, major is Sociology, Michael Matos, major is Sociology, Mitchell McCarthy, major is Criminal Justice Studies, Jason McDeid, major is Sociology, Scott Miller, major is Sociology, Gregory Moore, major is Sociology, Isaiah Moore, major is Sociology, Ryan Novak, major is Sociology, James Pennyfeather, major is Sociology, Megan Perry, major is Criminal Justice Studies, Madalyn Richards, major is Middle/Secondary English Education, Julia Rishe, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education, Dantae Rodriguez, major is Music Education, Jason Rose, major is Sociology, Emma Seeley, major is Psychology, Bob Sledge, major is Sociology, Michael Smith, major is Sociology, Dylan Sovie, major is Music Education, Nisel Vega, major is Sociology, Aditya Vemulapati, major is Sociology, Patrick Walsh, major is Sociology, Joshua Williams, major is Sociology, Ty Williams, major is Sociology, and Molly Wright, major is Middle/Secondary English Education.

Rensselaer Falls: Emma Gainey, major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education.

Waddington: Natalia Pearson, major is Art Education (Pre-K-12).
Winthrop: Erin Cootware, major is Public Health, Renae Kelley, major is Exploratory/Undeclared, Sophie Layer, major is Psychology, Conor O'Neil, major is Biology, Brett Razis, major is Biochemistry, Trevor Rheume, major is Psychology.



Barbara O'Keefe | Submitted

Elks donates to Fort De La Présentation in Ogdensburg

Molly Ryan, left, presents a generous donation from the Ogdensburg Elks Lodge #772 to Fort La Presentation President Barbara O'Keefe at the fort's annual dinner and awards ceremony held at the Elk's Club in January.

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Legislators urge Liberty Utility customers to comment on potential rate hike

Concerns for fixed and low income families raised at recent meeting

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Liberty Utilities has filed a request to increase rates for gas services but county legislators are calling on the state to take action to curb the request.

Liberty Utilities is seeking permission to increase its gas rates, which could lead to an 11.45% increase for residential users.

A filing with the Public Service Commission (PSC) on Nov. 27 details the request for a \$2.174 million hike in annual gas revenues.

Liberty Utilities currently provides service to Brasher, Winthrop, Canton, Gouverneur, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, North Lawrence, Norwood, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Waddington in St. Lawrence County. Services are also provided to Beaver Falls, New Bremen, Croghan, Chateaugay and Malone.

They say increased operating costs are driving the request.

But legislators are saying the rate hike is simply too much at a time when North Country residents continue to struggle to make ends meet.

According to county officials, if the rate increase were to be approved, monthly bills would increase by \$5.67 for a residential heat customer using 81 therms per month.

That represents a 2.5% increase on the total bill or 5.7% increase on the delivery bill.

According to Liberty Utilities, 14,862 residential, 1,770 commercial, 21 industrial and two cogeneration customers are currently serviced by the company.

Public comment is currently open with the New York

Voice your opinion online at <https://dps.ny.gov/file-search> and enter case number 24-G-0668.

State Public Service Commission, who are accepting comments both for and against the rate hike.

Legislators said they want all residents who have the ability to weigh-in before the deadline to ensure the Commission has a full picture of the potential impact.

"Residents of St. Lawrence County, many of whom live upon a fixed income and who are already experiencing great financial burden due to rising costs and record-setting inflation over the past four years, will

feel significant financial pressure if the requested rate increase is approved," legislators said.

For those who wish to voice their opinions on the matter, a public comment period is now open.

To comment, visit <https://dps.ny.gov/file-search> and enter case number 24-G-0668.

On the file page, click the "Post Comments" button in the top right corner.

Names, addresses and email addresses are required to post a comment.

Attachments can also be included with comments, all of which are open to public viewing.

All documents that have been filed in the case thus far are also available to the public under the "Filed Documents" tab.

The case will be heard by Judges Leah Amyot and Ashley Moreno.

Parties listed include Elizabeth Koelbl, a rates analyst for Liberty Utilities in Massena, and Jeffrey Greenblatt, director of legal services for Liberty Utilities in Merrick, NY.



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Sled brothers at Springs Park

Brothers Conley Manchester left, and Grady Manchester, of Massena, are all smiles as they sled down the hill at Springs Park, Massena, recently.

City of Ogdensburg on the hunt for new deputy clerk

OGDENSBURG -- The City of Ogdensburg is looking for a deputy city clerk.

It's one of several positions the city has open including recreation director, six police officer positions and city planner.

City council agreed to fill the position which had been left vacant for years. However, City Manager Fonda Chronis acknowledged that the city clerk position needed additional support.

In a news release, the city said the position is "an important administrative position involving responsibility for executing the critical functions of city government."

According to the notice applicants must have the ability to handle "multiple responsibilities in a deadline driven environment where confidentiality, attention to detail and flexibility are imperative."

The notice also states there will be considerable contact with the public and local officials involved with the execution of this position's primary duties."

The starting salary is \$54,000 to \$57,000, depending on qualifications with a fringe benefit package including NYS retirement and platinum-level health insurance significantly covered by the City.

Applicants must be a resident of the corporate city limits of the City of Ogdensburg, graduation from high school or the possession of a high school equivalency diploma and five years of full-time paid work experience in a responsible administrative position with preference given for candidates with a legal background.

The position also requires passing the New York State Notary Public examination within six months of appointment.

Interested candidates must complete a Civil Service application that can be completed applications to City Clerk Cathy A. Jock, 330 Ford Street, Room #4, Ogdensburg, New York 13669. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and reviewed on a weekly basis beginning on Feb. 7, 2025.

Solar project planned for Brasher, Massena

Officials say project would be 200 megawatts on 1,000 acres

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- A solar developer has filed an application with New York State for a proposed array that would be placed in the Brasher and Massena townships.

According to documents filed by Boralex US Development LLC, the Two Rivers Solar project would be a 200-megawatt project covering 1,000 acres of land.

Before moving forward, Boralex must obtain a siting permit from the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES), which they are seeking through an application filed last week.

Multiple studies will be conducted to evaluate the project's environmental impact, along with identifying methods that have been agreed upon to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential impacts, according to a Boralex mailing sent to potentially impacted residents.

According to the mailing, the facility will "include diversification of energy supplies, new employment opportunities (both temporary construction and full-time jobs), increased revenues to the towns of Massena and Brasher, St. Lawrence County, and school districts,

payments to participating landowners, support for the local hospitality industry, and the purchase of local supplies and goods."

Officials also say the project will "attempt to minimize impacts associated with the facility, for example, by limiting impacts on wetlands to the maximum extent practicable."

The project does not call for onsite battery storage facilities; however, it would require infrastructure development, including site roads, a substation, and electrical connections to the New York Power Authority, officials said.

The array would tap into NYPA's new 345-kilovolt circuit.

Officials say around 150 jobs will be created during the construction phase, which could begin in the fourth quarter of 2025, with two to three operational support and maintenance positions expected once the site is fully operational.

If all goes according to plan, the project could be in operation sometime in 2028.

To learn more, visit <https://www.boralex.com/projects/two-rivers/>.

Center Street culvert project bids to be opened Feb. 12 in Massena

Project should be completed by Nov. 14 say town officials

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

MASSENA -- The Center Street culvert project is finally progressing, with bids set to be opened during a future meeting in February.

According to Department of Public Works Superintendent Marty Miller, bids will be opened at noon on Feb. 12 in Room 30 at Massena Town Hall.

In attendance via zoom will be the state Department of Transportation, as well as the engineering firm for the project, he said.

Miller said he was hoping to see the bids come in low, citing concerns about cost of materials and labor.

Per the specifications of the bid process, all bids must include costs for all equipment, labor, machinery, materials and tools for construction on the project.

Miller said work must be completed before Nov. 14.

A presentation to the village board is also expected before work begins.

The news that bids would be opened comes just a few months after right of way easements were finalized with multiple property owners adjacent to the property.

Village trustees approved "just compensation" to three such neighbors during the October board meeting, clearing the way for bids to be placed.

Miller said he expects the work

to take roughly five months to complete.

BRIEFLY

Heart-healthy lunch

OGDENSBURG -- North Star Health Alliance, Carthage Area Hospital and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Campus are hosting a heart-healthy lunch on Feb. 21, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at The Freight House, 20 Market St. Guest speaker will be Dr. David Antecol, board-certified cardiologist. RSVP to adouglas@nshany.org or call 315-323-6006. Reservations are required. The luncheon is free and is the perfect opportunity to learn more about heart health in an informative and welcoming environment, said organizers.



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Stefanik holds farewell event

St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Chairman Dave Forsythe and his wife Paula are pictured with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik. Stefanik held a farewell event at the Gran View where she offered appreciation to her supporters and constituents. Stefanik is expected to vacate her seat after accepting a cabinet position as U.N. Ambassador in Pres. Donald Trump cabinet. She held similar events in Saratoga and Plattsburgh.

SLC celebrates 100 years of New York State Association of Counties

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

CANTON -- Legislators are proclaiming 2025 at the centennial of the New York State Association of Counties.

According to county officials, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) was founded 100 years ago "to serve as a unified voice and advocate for the 57 counties of New York State, including the five boroughs of New York City."

Officials said NYSAC has consistently worked to enhance the effectiveness of county governments through advocacy, comprehensive education and meticulous research, all aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by county officials.

"Over the past century, NYSAC has played an instrumental role in promoting the interests of county governments at the state and federal levels, ensuring that the voices of local governments are heard, and their needs

addressed," legislators said.

County officials say NYSAC has played a crucial role in ensuring invaluable resources and training have also been made available to counties over the years, including knowledge and tools necessary to deliver "efficient and effective services."

"Through its commitment to research, NYSAC has fostered innovative solutions and best practices that have strengthened county operations and improved the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers," they said.

With a legacy of collaboration and partnership among county governments, NYSAC and counties throughout the state continue to foster "a spirit of unity and mutual support," officials said.

"The centennial anniversary of NYSAC is a momentous occasion to celebrate the enduring dedication of the association to public service and its profound impact on the governance and well-being of New York State's counties," officials said.

Potsdam sophomore makes hoops history

By MATT LINDSEY
North Country This Week

POTSDAM – Potsdam Central High School sophomore Ian VanWagner has made history, surpassing the Section X Varsity Boys Basketball scoring record on Jan. 30. VanWagner scored 21 points in a victory over Ogdensburg Free Academy, breaking the previous record of 2,042 points held by Chateaugay's Jonah McDonald since 2020.

As of now, VanWagner is one of the most prolific scorers in Section X history, though the all-time record is held by Malone's Missy West, who finished her career with 2,605 points in 1996. "The boys' Section X scoring record is definitely special," VanWagner said. "There have been a lot of great players that have come through. I'm blessed to have support around me and to play the sport I love."

VanWagner's teammates have been key to his success. "They're very supportive and great friends," he said. The 6-foot-2 sophomore takes the milestone in stride, focusing on making the best plays for his

team.

A 'Generational Athlete'

Coach Justin Todd has been with VanWagner since youth basketball, recognizing his work ethic and potential from an early age. "I knew Ian had the talent to make the jump to varsity as a seventh grader," Todd said. "His accomplishment is huge for our program and shows that hard work leads to success."

VanWagner's leadership continues to evolve. "It's crazy to think, but as a sophomore, this is his fourth varsity season. He's giving his teammates more advice in practice and games," Todd noted. His scoring ability has been a lifesaver for the team. "Ian just has that something special," Todd said. "He truly is a generational athlete."

A Star On and Off the Court

VanWagner is averaging 27 points, 7.1 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3.7 steals per game this season. Coach Todd praises his basketball maturity. "He always takes what the defense gives him. He's seen most defenses out there and finds a way to attack them.

He's a two-way player, guarding the best player on the other team while carrying a big load for us offensively." Todd always believed in VanWagner's potential. "I knew he had the chance to accomplish this, though I didn't expect it to happen this quickly," Todd said. When asked to describe VanWagner in three words, Todd said, "Driven. Competitor. Humble."

The Road Ahead

VanWagner's ultimate goal is to play college basketball. "Playing in college is definitely my goal," he said. He has been in contact with schools and is aiming for the highest level possible. Coach Todd believes VanWagner has Division I potential. "The question is what's the best fit for him? Syracuse? Duke? Or maybe Siena or Albany? Wherever he goes, I know he'll be the hardest worker."

A Family Affair

VanWagner credits his family for their unwavering support. "Without them, I wouldn't be where I am today," he said. His parents drive him to play for the City Rocks in Albany and help with important decisions.

In addition to basketball, VanWagner plays football in the fall and golf in the spring, a sport he's loved since childhood. "Football season was a lot of fun this year," he said. "Living on a golf course, golf has always been something I've enjoyed."

Advice for Young Athletes

VanWagner advises younger athletes to "work hard and grind at the sports you love." His preparation for games includes eating a full meal, listening to music, and mentally preparing. Balancing school and sports is demanding, but VanWagner manages his time carefully, always prioritizing schoolwork.

With his Section X scoring record now in the past, VanWagner's future looks bright as he continues to make his mark as one of Section X's greatest basketball players.

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Legislator wants DSS intervention for chronically absent students

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

Ogdensburg County Legislator Jim Reagen is calling on the state legislature to reform laws to give school districts and Social Services more tools to combat chronic absenteeism.

Specifically he wants to see reforms made to the Persons in Need of Supervision program, which essentially serves as a probationary program for children and teens. The resolution was recently approved by the board of legislators. Legislation was signed in 2017 to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 18 to ensure young people who commit non-violent crimes can receive the treatment they need. The legislation also eliminated state funding for PINS placement and detention as of Jan. 1, 2020, but did not alter the ability of the family courts to order such placements, officials said.

The reforms have led to numerous complications for Social Services, family courts and limited intervention efforts, officials said.

Chronic absenteeism

"I had raised a question about the shocking number of children who are not attending school and the need to work with our school districts to put more of a focus on these families who are not fulfilling their primary responsibility, making sure their children are going to school," he said. Reagen said prior to the reform legislation, Social Services would be made aware by districts when a child was chronically absent.

He said that would allow the district and Social Services to determine if a serious problem within a family was present, allowing the family to work with the district and Social Services to "ensure the child continues their schooling and does not fall further behind."

Reagen said children who never learn to read or establish a consistent routine of going to school are at an increased risk of ending up in various programs with law enforcement, substance abuse counseling and "a host of other problems." "While Social Services agrees with us that they feel they're sort of hung up by state regulations, (state lawmakers) don't see the need to make attending school a major priority for schools," Reagen said. Reagen said he asked County Attorney Steve Button to draft the resolution, saying he wanted to bring the issue to the attention of state representatives for whom "this might not be on their radar."

He said it is important to ensure any group involved weighs in, whether that be teachers,

school administrators, county administrators or other governing bodies. "We have a lot of kids that are falling behind. We have a lot of kids who, when the school bell rings in the morning, are in bed and (later) wandering the streets," he said.

Reagen said he knew it was not possible to "fix them all" or "save them all" but commented that communities "can do better than we are right now." "It wasn't that long ago that the state didn't tie the hands of DSS and school districts," he said.

What are schools saying?

Legislator Margaret Haggard weighed in as well, asking Reagen if he had an opportunity to speak with local school administrators about the issues surrounding chronic absenteeism.

"From my experience there's a lot of emphasis placed on attendance, but I haven't been there in a while," she said.

Reagen has spoken with a number of local administrators, including his local superintendent regarding the issues and their concerns about the reform legislation. Those conversations also prompted discussions with Social Services. "The commissioner (Joseph Seeber) said it's a serious problem because of Albany," Reagen said. Reagen said he is hopeful that a number of school superintendents will join the legislature in demanding changes to the law, allowing for intervention efforts once again.

Legislator Rita Curran said the issue extends beyond the reform legislation. She said social workers who handle pediatric cases are "sort of aghast that in the last year when they called in a hotline because someone's kids are not going to school, they don't want to take those hotlines." "They don't want to take that as the reason that they're sending DSS to your house, that your child isn't going to school," she said.

Stats needed

As for the figures related to chronic absenteeism, Legislator Rick Perkins said he would like to see figures from the county's districts.

Legislator Nicole Terminelli said those figures are typically released each October by the state, with a public dashboard posted online.

According to a report issued by the state Comptroller's Office, chronic absenteeism rates are higher in high-need school districts, with high-need rural districts seeing an average absentee rate of 33% last year. That marks a 10.1% increase from the 2018-2019 school year, the last full academic year prior to the COVID pandemic.

Assemblyman Gray announces priorities for next legislative session

BY JEFF CHUDZINSKI
North Country This Week

North Country Assemblyman Scott Gray is making public safety a top priority for his constituents.

In his first "Gray Area" address of the new year, Gray said public safety is number one on his agenda as the legislature reconvenes for another legislative session.

"Public safety remains a top concern, particularly in communities that have felt the impact of the migrant crisis which poses a threat both financially and on the public safety side," Gray said. Gray has long been an advocate for closing the northern border and adding resources to better police the Swanton Sector, which encompasses the North Country, to ensure illegal migrant crossings are stopped.

Gray spoke at an event in Canton last September as local and state politicians, along with St. Lawrence County Sheriff Rick Engle, Franklin County Sheriff Jay Cook and Clinton County Sheriff David Favro, called on Governor Kathy Hochul to take steps to repeal the state's Driver's License Access and Privacy Act, also known as the "Green Flag Law."

The Driver's License Access and Privacy Act was enacted on June 17, 2019 and took effect on Dec. 16, 2019. It allows all New Yorkers age 16 and older to apply for a standard, not-for-federal purpose, non-commer-

cial driver license or learner permit regardless of their citizenship or lawful status in the United States.

Gray said the migrant crisis "poses a threat both financially and on the public safety side."

In his Gray Area address, Gray said he is also focused on making childcare affordable.

He commented that childcare must be made more affordable for working families to ensure parents are able to be a part of the workforce.

He said he intended to approach each initiative while weighing the environmental concerns but cautioned that he wanted to ensure energy was affordable for residents and that individuals had choices in their energy choices and were not merely mandated.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency is soliciting proposals from qualified professionals to design and execute an inventory of workforce needs for a provided list of companies, the training resources available to fulfill those needs in St. Lawrence County, and to identify the gaps to better build and initiate talent training program pipelines.

The Contractor is expected to design and execute an outreach strategy that will provide results to help ensure St. Lawrence County residents have access to the training programs, equipment and wrap-around services necessary to meet current and prospective career opportunities in the County, with a focus on advanced and clean manufacturing.

WRITTEN REQUESTS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS. EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO: lsibley@slcida.com

Proposals will be received until **3:00 pm, local time, Friday, February 14, 2025** by Lori Sibley, Workforce Development Specialist, St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, 19 Commerce Lane - Suite 1, Canton, New York 13617, or via email lsibley@slcida.com. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. All proposal submissions must be clearly marked on the envelope, or in the email subject line, with "**RFP: 25-Training-Gap-Analysis-01**".

The final work product of this gap analysis must be received prior to March 28, 2025.

The St. Lawrence County IDA reserves the right to reject all proposals and waive informalities if, in its opinion, such action is in the best interest of the Agency.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Valerie M. Francis has requested letters of Administration on the Estate of Jade Johnathan Moses Benedict of Akwesasne, NY.

Notice is hereby given to all potential creditors to said estate who may have an interest in said estate to present their interest to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court by February 7, 2025.

Any creditors shall contact the Tribal Court Clerk at 518 - 358 - 6300.

The Lisbon Central School District will hold a Regular Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Original date was 2/20/25, but it has been changed to 2/27/25

MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Qualification of RI RE Massena LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/2024 Office location: St. Lawrence County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed on 10/10/2024. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to RI RE Massena LLC: Parking lot, 500 Cummings Center suite 6050, Beverly, MA 01915, USA Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). Parking lot, 500 Cummings Center suite 6050, Beverly, MA 01915, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

BRASHER LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Brasher Planning Board will hold a regular meeting at the Municipal Building in Brasher Falls, NY on Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. DATED: February 4, 2025, Julia Rose, Chairperson Brasher Town Planning Board

NORFOLK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th day of February, 2025 at 5:45 PM in the Norfolk Town Hall, 5 West Main Street, Norfolk, New York for the purpose of considering a changing the amount of authorized alternative veteran's exemptions pursuant to Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax of the State of New York.

A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and at the Town's website. **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Jill M Molnar - Town Clerk, Town of Norfolk

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of J SPELLICY ENTERPRISES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THE LLC: 4090 STATE HIGHWAY 58 GOUVERNEUR, NY 13642. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

POTSDAM NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Parkhurst Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Parkhurst Properties LLC: 6510 NY - Highway 56 Potsdam, NY 13676 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Phippen's Investors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/03/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Phippen's Investors LLC: Massena NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

HEUVELTON NOTICE OF MEETING

The Village Trustees will hold a special meeting February 12th at 4pm at the Town Hall 51 State Street, to discuss the sewer project. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING

The Town of Colton's Planning Board will hold a meeting February 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Colton NY. The board will continue work on a comprehensive plan and the formulation of a nuisance light law.

NORFOLK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th day of February, 2025 at 5:45 PM in the Norfolk Town Hall, 5 West Main Street, Norfolk, New York to consider a local law to provide a Partial Exemption from Taxation to Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Older Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and on the Town's website. **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Jill M Molnar - Town Clerk, Town of Norfolk

NORFOLK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th day of February, 2025 at 5:45 PM in the Norfolk Town Hall, 5 West Main Street, Norfolk, New York to consider a local law to provide a real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as set forth in New York Real Property Tax Law §466-a of the Real Property Tax of the State of New York. A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and on the Town's website. **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Jill M Molnar - Town Clerk, Town of Norfolk

PUBLIC NOTICE OF LAND DISPUTE

Any Person having any interest whatsoever or information pertaining to this matter shall have thirty (30) business days from the date of publication of this Notice to file opposing or related claims or to provide relevant information to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court. Information and related claims should be filed no later than February 14, 2025.

Claimant: Catherine Joyce Leaf 303 Helena Road Akwesasne, N.Y. 13655

Respondent Todd L. Papineau 313 Helena Road Akwesasne, N.Y. 13655

Property in Dispute: Lot 212 Case Number: 24-LND-00004 Brief Description of Nature of Dispute: Claimant is seeking a judgment determining the boundaries of the lot in dispute.

NORFOLK NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk, New York Planning Board will hold a meeting on Friday, February 21, 2025 at 06:15 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall to review a Special Use Permit Application for the property located at 2155 CR 38, Norfolk, NY.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of CROSSROAD CENTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/24. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: JESSE OSHIER, 480 Hardscrabble Rd., Lisbon, NY 13658. Purpose: any lawful activities.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Potsdam Property Rentals 1, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. Potsdam Property Rentals 1, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

NORFOLK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Norfolk will hold a Public Hearing on the 13th day of February, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Norfolk Town Hall, 5 West Main Street, Norfolk, New York to consider a local law to enact a Moratorium on all energy storage system development operating within the Town. A copy of the proposed local law is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours and on the Town's website. **NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Jill M Molnar - Town Clerk, Town of Norfolk

MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Discover Core Wellness Massage Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2024. Office location: Franklin County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Megan Fowler: 7 Finney Blvd Malone NY 12953. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY BIRDDOG PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 01/07/2025. Office: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 25 FAIRLANE DR, CANTON, NY 13617. Purpose: Any Lawful

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE Legal notice Notice is hereby given to all potential creditors who may have an interest in the estate of Allen P. Mitchell. All creditors must represent their interest to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court by February 18, 2025 Any creditors shall contact Saint Regis Tribal Court at 18-358-6300

NORWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE A Regular Meeting of the Norwood Village Board will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building in Norwood, NY. All meetings are open to the public, everyone is welcome to attend. Keep INFORMED! Read the LEGAL NOTICES

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Potsdam Property Rentals 3, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. Potsdam Property Rentals 3, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Potsdam Property Rentals 2, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. Potsdam Property Rentals 2, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

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NORWOOD NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of SageTech Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Ryan Daniels: 333 Lakeshore Drive STE 1 Norwood, NY 13668. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

OGDENSBURG NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Richardet Tree Farm, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Kevin Adner: 613 Greene St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MASSENA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID NOTICE TO BIDDERS - ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Massena will accept sealed bids for: Center Street Culvert Replacement over a tributary to the Grasse River Village of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York PIN 7754.15, D040466

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following: Culvert Replacement

This is not a Federal Aid Project, however NYSDOT Standard Specifications, officially finalized and adopted on January 1, 2025, as posted on the New York State Department of Transportation's website must be followed by the successful bidder.

The MBE goal for this project is: 9% The WBE goal for this project is: 13% The SDVOB goal for this project is: 6% There are no DBE goals for this project. The EEO Employment goals for this project are: 2.5% Minority Employment Goal 6.9% Women Employment Goal

The use of the NYSDOT approved civil rights reporting software, Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO), is required. Access authorization to EBO can be found at https://ebo.dot.ny.gov/.

No residential or geographical restrictions will be in effect for this project. Applicable Federal requirements take precedence over State and local requirements unless state and local requirements are deemed to be more stringent.

Contract Documents, including Invitation to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, Wage Rates, Bid Documents, Agreement, Special Notes, Specifications, Contract Drawings, and any Addenda, may be examined, at no expense, at the following locations: Office of the Engineer: 80 Wolf Road, Suite 600, Albany, NY 12205 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Office of the Owner: 60 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Contract Documents may be obtained by emailing the Engineer, Sheri Kern, at skern@gpinet.com

No questions or inquiries regarding this bid will be accepted within five (5) business days prior to the bid opening.

Contractors that obtain Contract Documents from a source other than the issuing office must notify the issuing office in order to be placed on the official Plan Holder List, to receive Addenda and any other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors other than those on the official Plan Holders List will not be accepted.

Addenda will be emailed from GPI to Bidders listed on the official Plan Holders List. An emailed response from the Bidder to the Addendum sent by GPI will act as proof that the Bidder received the Addendum. In addition to an emailed response, Bidders must acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by signing and dating each Addendum on page 1 of the Bid Form. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such Addendum or interpretation shall not relieve such Bidder from any obligation under this Bid submittal. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents.

Questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to Sheri Kern through email at: skern@gpinet.com. Bidders shall promptly notify Sheri Kern of any errors, omissions, conflicts or ambiguity within the Contract Documents within 14 days of bid opening.

All bids must include the completed Bid Form, Non-Collusive Bidding and Disbarment Certifications, and Lobbying Certifications. This is a unit price bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids to be considered must be received in a sealed envelope at 60 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662 by 1:00 PM, local time, on February 12, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the above noted time will not be accepted. All sealed envelopes should be clearly labeled "BID: CENTER STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT". A link to view the bid opening will be available on the Village of Massena website prior to the bid opening.

The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds guaranteeing performance of work and prompt payment from an acceptable Surety Company for an amount not less than 100% of the accepted bid. The successful Bidder and all subcontractors must have an approved CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT prior to being awarded a contract. If the successful Bidder does not currently have a CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT, the Bidder may find the CCA-2 forms and instruction for completion online at https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-vendors/vendrep/vendor-responsibility-forms?redirect=legacy#Construction.

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 2, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804). Successful bidders will be required to pay prevailing wage rates on this contract.

The Village of Massena reserves the right to consider the bids for forty-five (45) days after receipt before awarding any Contract, and to waive any minor informalities in, and to reject, any and all bids. All bids are subject to final review and approval by the Village of Massena before any award of contract may be made. Receipt of bids by the Village of Massena shall not be construed as authority to bind the Village.

The work will be substantially completed on or before November 14, 2025 and ready for final payment on or before December 19, 2025.

The New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d-4 and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, as amended, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all who respond to the related solicitation, request for proposal or invitation to bid that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap and income status in consideration for an award.

Owners Contact: Marty Miller, Village of Massena DPW Superintendent, 60 Main Street, Massena, NY 13662, 315.769.6823, dpwsuper@village.massena.ny.us; Engineer's Contact: Sheri Kern, P.E., Structural Engineer, GPI, 80 Wolf Road, Suite 600, Albany, NY 12205, 518.898.9566, skern@gpinet.com

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

Massena Savings and Loan, Mortgage Servicer: 255 Main Street, Massena Savings & Loan New York 13662 255 Main Street Massena, NY 13662 (315) 764-0541 Plaintiff, NOTICE OF SALE -against- Index No.: EFCV-23-165562 RJL No.: 44-1-2024-0110

SCOTT P. SHARPE and ALLISON SHARPE (aka ALLISON M. SHARPE), Defendant(s).

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the above-entitled action on October 10, 2024, I, the undersigned, the referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction at the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, in the Old Main Entrance Lobby, in the Village of Canton, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, on the 18th day of February, 2025 at 10:00 in the forenoon on that day, the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold and described therein as follows: 591 Brouse Road, Town of Norfolk, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York; Tax Map No.: 16.004-2-15. See attached Exhibit "A". Said premises to be sold subject to assessments and water rates; subject to existing leases and tenancies, if any; subject to zoning restrictions, covenants, easements, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, if any, as they may be enforceable; subject to any state of facts as may appear from an accurate up-to-date survey; subject to facts as to possession and occupancy and subject to whatever the physical conditions of the premises may be; subject to any violations of the zoning and other municipal ordinances and regulations, if any; subject to the right of redemption by the federal government, if any. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$123,724.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment.

Dated: January , 2025 THOMAS ADAMS, ESQ., Referee

Pease and Gustafson, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff Office and P.O. Address 40 Main Street Massena, NY 13662 EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being situate in Section #55 of the Town of Norfolk, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, and bounded thus: Beginning in the north bounds of the road running along the line between Sections #55 and #65 at a point located S 70° 30' W 372.2 feet from the intersection of the said north bounds with the east bounds of the Carney farm, and running thence along the north bounds of the road S 70° 30' W 100 feet; thence N 19° 30' W 200 feet; thence N 70° 30' E 100 feet and S 19° 30' E 200 feet to the place of beginning. As surveyed August 1, 1956 by Howard M. Smith, Surveyor #7744.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

GOUVERNEUR SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE -against- Index No: EFCV-24-166412 IAS No.: 44-1-2024-0564 PHILIP E. VOGEL AND STATE OF NEW YORK CIVIL RECOVERIES BUREAU, Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on the 7th day of January, 2025, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the old main entrance lobby, adjacent to the Board of Legislature room, of the St. Lawrence County Courthouse, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York on February 18, 2025 at 9:30 AM premises described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Brasher, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York bounded and described in the deed from William T. Lint and Melissa L. Lint to Philip E. Vogel, by deed dated April 21, 2004 and recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office on May 10, 2004 at Instrument Number 2004-8442, Being known as 29 Depot Street, Helena, New York 13649; Tax Map #11.081-2-3.1.

In accordance with COVID-19 and in compliance with state and Federal law, all attendees at the scheduled foreclosure sale shall maintain proper social distancing requirements of six (6) feet and face masks shall be required for all persons in attendance.

Case & Leader LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 107 East Main Street Gouverneur, NY 13642 Dated: January 8, 2025 Mathew P. Duprey, Esq., Referee

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NBM Properties LLC was formed on January 27, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 1101 River Road, Norwood, NY 13668. NBM Properties LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

CANTON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Clean Lines Bookkeeping LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Caroline LaMarche: 530 Eels Road, Canton, NY. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

CANTON NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Pine Street Rental, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to James E. Franklin Jr: 32 Park Street, Canton, NY 13617. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLTON PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Colton will hold a special meeting on February 10th at 1:30 pm regarding the Park Forestry's land donation/transfer. Meeting will take place in the Colton Town Hall, 94 Main St., Colton, NY 13625. All are welcome to attend.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

North Country Property Rentals 1, LLC was formed on January 23, 2025. The principal offices are located in St. Lawrence County and the Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 5566 State Highway 56, Potsdam, NY 13676. North Country Property Rentals 1, LLC is engaged in any lawful business activity.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of AMR Management Consultants Holdco, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 12/19/24. Office location: St. Lawrence County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Curran Boyce, 28 Hamilton St., Potsdam, NY 13676, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Alec Graham Properties LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

MASSENA NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Spin Drift Precision LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/27/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: 253 Trippany Rd Massena, NY 13662. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

OGDENSBURG NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Hulett Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Mark Marcum: 3772 Sanguine Circle, Castle Rock, CO 80109. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

PIERCEFIELD NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of PB & Drive LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2024. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to PB & Drive LLC: 6 Wood Avenue, Piercefield, NY 12973. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COLTON NOTICE OF MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Colton-Piercefield Central School Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting @ 5:30 p.m., February 12, 2025, in the library.

Jennifer Fleury Board Clerk

WADDINGTON PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that license number # NA-0343-24-235407 has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor/wine/beer at retail in a Hotel Liquor Establishment under the alcoholic beverage control law at 13 Main Street, Waddington, New York, Village of Waddington, St. Lawrence County for on-premises consumption.

Elizabeth Pier Fleur de Lis Estate Services LLC DBA Lilac Inn Waddington 13 Main Street, Waddington, New York 13694

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Buck Road Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/15/2025. Office location: St. Lawrence County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Andrew Miller: PO Box 561 Waddington, NY 13694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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The LOCAL Act: A win-win for Main Streets and local newsrooms

Small businesses are the heart-beat of our communities. They are the corner stores, family-owned restaurants, and local service providers that fuel our neighborhoods, create jobs, and drive economic growth.

Yet, these vital businesses often face significant challenges in reaching new customers and growing their operations in an increasingly competitive economy.

Editorial

With the official introduction in the state legislature of the Lift Our Communities, Advertise Locally (LOCAL) Act, small businesses across New York might gain a powerful new tool next year to help sustain their success and maximize the reach of their marketing dollars.

Sponsored by state Sen. Monica Martinez and Assemblymember Jen Lunsford, this legislation would establish a tax credit for small businesses that advertise in local media

outlets – from print and digital to television and radio.

By making advertising more affordable, the LOCAL Act will empower small businesses to reach their target audiences while also supporting the essential work of the very same local media outlets that provide our communities with local journalism.

The LOCAL Act focuses on supporting business with 10 or fewer employees, as well as minority-, woman- and veteran-owned businesses.

This legislation couldn't come at a better time. Small businesses are still navigating the economic aftershocks of the pandemic, inflationary pressures, and competition from large corporations with massive marketing budgets.

The LOCAL Act helps level the playing field, giving your favorite mom-and-pop store a way to increase visibility without sacrificing their scarce financial resources.

When our small businesses thrive, so do our communities.

Small businesses employ your neighbors, sponsor your kid's little league team, and provide a con-

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venient destination for a night out with your spouse.

Small businesses are not only economic drivers, but also cornerstones of community identity.

The benefits of the LOCAL Act extend beyond businesses.

Local media outlets, too, are vital to communities, because they produce the journalism that keeps people informed about village and town board meetings, neighborhood crime, local events and festivals – and everything in between.

Unfortunately, declining advertising revenues have jeopardized the financial sustainability of many local media outlets, and small newsrooms have been shuttering across the state.

By encouraging small businesses

to advertise in local media outlets, the LOCAL Act helps these outlets continue their essential work of championing their communities.

This dual benefit – supporting both small businesses and local journalism – has already garnered strong support from business groups, community leaders, and the 200+ local newspapers comprising the Empire State Local News Coalition – including *North Country This Week / NorthCountryNow.com*.

It's a win-win solution that strengthens the backbone of our local economy while fostering a unified, informed citizenry.

The LOCAL Act marks a bold step forward in tackling the interconnected challenges our commu-

nities are facing today. By working together to implement and embrace this program, we can build stronger businesses, sustain vital journalism, and ensure the prosperity of communities across New York for years to come.

We support this smart legislation. Tell your elected leaders in Albany to include the LOCAL Act in the final FY26 state budget.

You can help

Contact these state representatives:

- Gov. Kathy Hochul: 1 (518) 474-8390
- Sen. Daniel G. Stec (R) – (518) 455-2811, stec@nysenate.gov, 198 State St., Albany, NY, 12247.
- Sen. Mark Walczyk (R) – (518) 455-3438, walczyk@nysenate.gov, Legislative Office Building, Room 302, Albany, NY 12247
- Assemblyman Scott Gray (R) – (518) 455-5545, grays@nyassembly.gov, Legislative Office Building, Room 940, Albany, NY 12248
- Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush (R) – (518) 455-5797, blankenbushk@nyassembly.gov, 198 State St., Albany, NY, 12248

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's cold outside so watch movies

I don't know whether or not anyone else could use a respite from the political and losing their ner-

vous systems.

So without getting too personal, here it goes.

I love movies, and I love dogs.

I did a BFA in Film Studies back

in the 90s, so, I thought I might share my top five films. These are in no particular order:

BLADE RUNNER (1982): One of Director Ridley's Scott's first films, this Sci-Fi flick starring Harrison Ford and based on the novel "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" by the late, great visionary, and Borderline Paranoid Phillip K. Dick, was so ahead of its time. Although it failed initially to garner an audience, it has in the ensuing years become a deserved cult classic with its overriding theme of "What does it actually mean to be human?"

RUDY (1993): This biographical drama is so much more than merely a football story. For anyone who has ever dared to pursue the seemingly unattainable goal, this film will leave you hopeful and determined to take on whatever life's challenges throw your way.

BRAVEHEART (1995): Both directed by and starring Mel Gibson, this multiple Oscar© Winner is a well-shot action-packed epic about the Scottish patriot, William Wallace, and the Scottish Wars of Independence. I was blessed to actually be able to screen this film in Stirling, Scotland, where the Battle of Stirling Bridge depicted within took place, while I was studying there for my Masters. Stunningly beautiful country and people, although please remember, that neither the Scottish nor we English certainly like being confused with one another.

THE GODFATHER (1972): Al Pacino was only 32 years-old when he delivered the minimalist performance of a lifetime. Director Francis Ford Coppola was the old man at 33 when he directed this classic based on Mario Puzo's novel. A wonderfully executed film about the transformative allure of power.

THE KID (1921): by Charlie Chaplin. This one is definitely old school, but as a personal hero, I have not seen a Chaplin film that I could not appreciate. Coming from being poverty stricken in London, to Vaudeville, to creating the Silent Film Era in Hollywood, Chaplin's themes touch upon the downtrodden, and the importance of laughing at oneself and one's adversaries in the face of hardship.

As also mentioned, I love dogs. Over the holidays, I watched Director Lasse Holstrom's 2009, **HATCHI: A DOG'S TALE**, starring Richard Gere and Joan Allen. Based on a true story, this one is about a loveable Akita, whom after his master tragically passes away while at work, continues his routine of showing up at the train station where he met him at each day after work for the next 10 years.

It's cold and miserable outside, and nowadays anyone may find these films if they look.

Leland Farnsworth
Massena

are subject to editing. They can be e-mailed to Letters@NorthCountryNow.com, faxed to 315-268-8701, mailed to P.O. Box 975, Potsdam, NY 13676 or dropped off at our new office location, 4 Clarkson Ave. in Potsdam. North Country This Week does not independently check all facts and figures presented in letters to the editor.

NCNOW SURVEY

Large majority have faced challenges accessing mental health care



Debbie Morgan | NCTW

Last week's question

Have you faced challenges in accessing mental health care?

MENTAL HEALTH is a major issue, especially in rural areas, where access to services can be limited. Have you or someone you know faced challenges in accessing mental health care in St. Lawrence County?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: What types of industries or businesses would you like to see grow most in St. Lawrence County?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Capitol police betrayed by Trump pardon

No one should pretend this isn't what they voted for when they voted for Trump.

On January 20, 2025, just hours after taking the oath of office to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," President Trump issued a blanket pardon, commutation, and dismissal of 1,500+ people involved in the Jan. 6 Capitol Riot.

Included were convicts who vio-

lently attacked uniformed police; it's indisputable that these criminals brutalized and injured 140 officers. Indeed, many have confessed.

The coroner stated "all that transpired played a role" in Officer Brian Sicknick's stroke and death after being sprayed with a chemical irritant in the riot.

Four other officers committed suicide days and months after the riot; family members spoke of how they were never the same after the riot. Suicide isn't considered dying in the line of duty; this affects com-

pensation families receive today.

One example of what was pardoned: Officer Michael Fanone was assaulted by five rioters, dragged down the Capitol steps, beaten with pipes, stunned with a taser, sprayed with chemical irritants, and threatened with his own gun. Fanone suffered burns, a heart attack, a concussion, a traumatic brain injury, was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder as a result, and his mother was harassed with bricks and dog poop.

Instead of serving well-deserved

lengthy sentences, Trump has set Fanone's attackers, who have pleaded guilty, free. Fanone has filed for orders of protection.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson justifies this with, "We believe in redemption." No one should pretend they didn't know; Trump pledged to pardon them all.

President Trump also pardoned Silk Road creator, Ross Ulbricht. Silk Road was a website on the dark web where you could buy drugs, guns, or even advertise murder for hire services.

Ulbricht cleared \$18 million dollars in profits and at least six drug related deaths were traced to him. President Trump promised his release in exchange for the endorsement of the Libertarian party.

Many people say they voted for Trump because they like his policies.

Do you like the "policy" of letting convicted felons who attack law enforcement officers go free? Do you like the "policy" of letting drug dealers and felons walk free?

Please don't pretend you didn't know; he told us his plans.

Support for Trump shows you only pretend to "Back the Blue" and "respect the rule of law." The Capitol Police have been betrayed.

Mike Zagrobelny and Ginger Storey-Welch, Chair and Vice-Chair of St. Law. County Democratic Committee

Friends of Massena Library thank speaker

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, more than 100 community members gathered at the Massena Library to listen to a guest speaker, Nellie Coakley.

For over an hour, Mrs. Coakley shared her experiences as a nurse serving during the Vietnam War. She spoke of the sights and smells of the war and the challenges of taking care of severely injured soldiers with limited resources in a dangerous environment.

New challenges were experienced stateside as she had to relearn how to be a civilian. She encountered loneliness from witnessing and experiencing things that she could not share with others. And she spent years fighting for recognition for all women that served in Vietnam.

The audience was touched by her stories of grateful soldiers and their families. One soldier expressed his thanks with a yellow rose delivered to the members of his care team on the anniversary of his injury. His family has continued the tradition since his passing. In another instance she met a Gold Star Mother who lovingly caressed her cheek, commenting that it comforted her to touch someone who had been with her son at the end of his life.

During a question-and-answer period, Nellie's husband Tom, a fellow Vietnam vet and amputee, spoke briefly and several vets in attendance shared their memories. The evening concluded with a standing ovation and thanks to Nellie and all those vets in attendance for their service and sacrifice.

The event's sponsor, the Friends of the Massena Public Library, wishes to thank Nellie and all those who braved the frigid weather to attend the event. It was an unforgettable evening.

The Friends of the Massena Public Library

Singing valentines return appointments available in SLC

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and the Goldenaires will have three quartets on the road ready to deliver a Singing Valentine to that special person or persons in your life.

We will cover the Canton, Potsdam Norwood, Madrid, Waddington, Lisbon, Ogdensburg, Gouverneur, Edwards, Russell and Colton area on Friday, Feb 14th. The cost is \$40.

All the money donated goes to awards that are given to high school seniors that are interested in pursuing their musical talents after graduation. Last year we gave four awards of \$400 each. Over the years we have given close to \$20,000 to deserving seniors.

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Cellar 25b bourbon bar in Canton offers unique option for a night out

BY PAUL MITCHELL
North Country This Week

CANTON – Looking for a spot to enjoy a top-shelf cocktail in a relaxed atmosphere. Then make a point to check out Cellar 25b in downtown Canton.

Settled in the basement of the former Josie's Pizzeria, owners Ariane and William Palmer welcome patrons to enjoy a high-quality bourbon drink at the 25b Main Street.

"We wanted to bring an offering of uniqueness to Main Street. Secondly, breathing life back into what was famously known as the Mine Shaft," said Ariane.

"The bar's atmosphere could be viewed as an intimate, cozy and comfortable setting to relax and enjoy each other's company over a quality cocktail. The bar offers a wide range of bourbon including whiskey, scotch and other spirits," Ariane noted.

The bar also has red and white wine, bottled beer, IPAs and local draft on tap.

The Palmers purchased the building from long-time Josie's owner Sylvia Kingston in July and

opened Cellar 25b on Nov. 14.

But there's more to Cellar 25b. Food options include charcuterie boards, sushi, light fare bar snacks, and typically something sweet for dessert.

The business will also host a private party that so far has proved to be well received by both the hosts and attendees.

"We have hosted a few private parties to date with great success and we are certainly open to future requests and we continue to get requests for small events," said Ariane.

"We feel it's important to offer this option to our area as this can be limited to some degree."

Those interested in booking the venue can call Cellar 25b at (315) 714-1616.

"Bill will certainly follow up with any requests that are left with our staff," she added.

The Palmers also have plans to hold special events that can coincide with special days of the year.

Ariane said she and her husband are currently working on a Valentine's Day package that would include tickets for a comedy show featuring Rochester's Dan Viola at

the Cellar 25b on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from 7 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person.

The event will include a Famous Heart Shaped Pizza provided by legendary pizza maker Syliva Kingston who will be asking for a preorder on pizza (cheese or pepperoni for \$14 and not included in tickets bundle), a long-stem red rose locally sourced from White's Flowers and one drink voucher up to \$12 per person.

The bar menu will also be available.

Tickets can be purchased separately should someone not want pizza.

Tickets are now available with around 40 tickets to be sold.

Cellar 25b will also be participating in Canton Winterfest, offering \$1 off draft beer from 4 to 5 p.m. during the Winterfest festivities (Feb. 7-16).

"It has been a positive experience thus far and we greatly appreciate our newly established patrons as we continue to grow," Ariane concluded.

Ariane is a licensed real estate broker and owner of Palmer Realty that is housed in a street level office space upstairs from Cellar 25b.

St. Lawrence County unemployment rate significantly lower than one year ago

The unemployment rate in St. Lawrence County dropped significantly in December 2024 when compared to December 2023.

According to the state Department of Labor, the unemployment rate in December was 4.3 percent, compared to 5.2 percent during the same period in 2023.

The state unemployment rate for December was 4.4 percent, which was the same rate in December 2023. In neighboring counties, the unemployment in Jefferson County is 4.5 percent, down 0.9 percent from 5.4 percent in December 2023.

The December 2024 unemployment rate in Franklin County is 3.6 percent, while in Lewis County the unemployment rate sits at 4.4 percent.

The New York State Department of Labor today released preliminary local area unemployment rates for December 2024. Rates are calculated using methods prescribed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The State's area unemployment rates rely in part on the results of the Current Population Survey, which contacts approximately 3,100 households in New York State each month. To recap last week's state-

wide press release, New York State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held constant at 4.4% in December 2024.

BRIEFLY

Inflation refund checks

Governor Kathy Hochul has proposed sending inflation refund checks to 8.6 million New Yorkers as her first proposal from her 2025 State of the State. Of the 8.6 million estimated recipients, roughly 163,000 are in the North Country region. The proposal would deliver \$3 billion to lower income individuals and families by taking excess sales tax revenue that was driven by inflation, state officials said. The first-ever Inflation Refund would come in the form of direct payments to residents, \$300 for single taxpayers who make up to \$150,000 per year and \$500 for joint tax filers who make up to \$300,000 per year, state officials said. The Inflation Refund would be a one-time, direct payment.

New ER doc

Matthew Chang, DO, has joined Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence team as its newest Emergency Medicine team member. He will be treating patients at Canton-Potsdam, Gouverneur, and Massena hospitals. Chang earned his Doctor of Osteopathic (DO) Medicine degree from Western University, Pomona, CA; and completed his residency at Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY; where he was also honored as Senior Resident of the Year.



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Norfolk Concert Series to return this summer

The Norfolk Concert Series will again offer free, family friendly entertainment this summer, providing local musicians performance opportunities.

Performers will include Double Axel June 27, River Mohawk Band July 12, Lacey Rae July 25, Gypsy Road Band

Aug. 1, String Soulstice Aug. 9, Atkinson Family Band Aug. 24 and Knotty Paddy Aug. 30.

This exciting series is possible because of the work of the board of directors.

Please get to know them!



Meet the board of directors who make the Norfolk Concert Series possible



Christine Paige

Christine Paige lives in Norwood and taught elementary music and directed elementary choruses and directed concerts from 1974 to 1982.

She was a high school instrumental director from 1982 until 2010, teaching small group lessons, directing rehearsals and concerts, directing school musicals, organizing fund-raisers and working with parent booster groups.

Since 2010, she has been a private piano instructor.

She is founder and president of the Norfolk Concert Series, responsible for raising money to pay performers, researching and hiring local bands, writing grant applications, funding construction of a band shell and introducing new and varied styles of music to the rural community.

She was director of the North Country Community Chorus from 2015 to 2020, preparing adult and children's chorus for the annual Christmas Cantata in a local parish. She has been youth choir director for the United Church of Christ in Massena since September 2023.

A Norwood-Norfolk Central School alumna, she graduated from the Crane School of Music in 1974.



Jane Boyea

Jane Boyea lives in Moira and was a high school teacher for 36 years, retiring from Malone Central School in 2004.

She is active in her church as a lector and Eucharistic minister, and since 2013, as a lay minister. In connection with her church, she has served on the financial council, visits homebound people and helped redesign the parish center's kitchen to improve efficiency and meet state health regulations.

She served on the Brushton-Moira Board of Education for 14 years, on the North Franklin Federal Credit Union Board of Directors for 14 years, and on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board for six years.

Boyea has been a member of Altruian, a historic organization that promotes study of educational and cultural topics, since 2001, and served as co-president in 2019-2020.

She possesses teaching, organizational and fund-raising skills.

She graduated from SUNY Plattsburg with a bachelor's degree in home economics.



Rev. Judith VanKennen

Rev. Judith VanKennen lives in Massena and has been pastor of the United Church of Christ of Massena for the past 20 years.

She is very active in the United Church of Christ New York Conference, and serves as moderator of the conference and chair of its board of directors.

VanKennen also volunteers with the Massena Adult Free Clinic, Massena Drug-Free Task Force and Fourth Coast Companions, which helps seniors age gracefully in their homes. She is a trained mediator by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Institute and serves as Massena Volunteer Fire Department chaplain. She was named St. Lawrence County Woman of the Year in 2009.

She earned a bachelor of arts in religious studies from St. Lawrence University in Canton, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and a masters of divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Kentucky. At SLU, she received the Outstanding Senior in Religious Studies award and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Theta Alpha Kappa.

She was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2010.



Connie Terry

Connie Terry lives in Brushton and was a school nurse at Brushton-Moira Central School from 1982 to 2012.

She served as co-director of the annual senior play, as class advisor, as co-director of the music fund-raising committee, and as a member of the band booster club.

As school nurse, she was responsible for medical screenings, infection control, emergency care, hearing screenings and patient health information access. She served as liaison between families, school personnel and other health care providers on behalf of students, and developed care plans and made referrals as needed for students with health concerns or injuries. Previously, she was a registered nurse at the St. Regis Falls Medical Center and the hospital in Saranac Lake.

She and her husband spend summers on Norwood Lake and she's a member of the Norwood Lake Association who volunteers her time and expertise as an RN each summer for their fund raising events. She graduated from SUNY Canton in 1974 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Registered Nursing.



Jennifer Myers

Jennifer Myers lives in Hannawa Falls and served as Director for School Improvement-Supervisor of Instructional Technology with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES from 2000-2021.

In that role, she organized professional development opportunities for 2,000 teachers and 100 administrators. She also secured and coordinated \$23.5 million in grant funding and managed annual budgets totalling over \$6.7 million.

She is certified to teach music in grades K-12, mathematics in grades 7-12, kindergarten through grade 6 and nurse, as well as a school administrator and supervisor.

She was a Section X sports official and has volunteered as a member of the executive board of the Potsdam Community Band. She also wrote an after-school grant for Morristown Central and the United Way.

She was an adjunct faculty member at Sage Graduate School and Jefferson Community College. She received a doctorate in education in instruction technology and distance education from NOVA Southwestern University, and a master of science and bachelor of arts in education from SUNY New Paltz, where she minored in music.



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Tri-Town to host Winter Carnival

TRI-TOWN — Snow sculptures, live music, a parade, Poker Run, tournaments, skating and fireworks are among the events at the 2025 Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival. “Celebrate the Magic of Tri-Town, with a Disney-inspired carnival theme, will be held Feb. 13-16 in Brasher Falls, Winthrop and North Lawrence.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Snowman/sculpture contest 4 p.m. deadline, Hammill Funeral Home, Tri-Town Arena; Spin with Ashley 4-5 p.m., 1100 Pickle Street., Winthrop; Announcement of Royalty Costume Party, cocktails, finger foods, DJ-Karoke 6-10 p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence; DJ 10-midnight p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence

Friday, Feb. 14

Opening Ceremony, semi-formal attire, tickets \$25, dinner by Gideon's Gallery, dinner music, then Spoiler Rock Band 6-11 p.m., Pike's Place, Brasher Falls; Band - Andy Deon, 9 p.m.-midnight, The Jug, North Lawrence.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Mimosas 7-11 a.m.; The Pit Stop Diner, North Lawrence; Kegs and Eggs, 8-11 a.m., The B&W Bar, Brasher Falls; Senior All Night Party breakfast, 8-11 a.m.; Brasher Winthrop Fire Dept, Brasher Falls; Snow Baby Contest 9-10:30 a.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Longest Icicle Contest, 9-10:30 a.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Temporary Kid Tattoos, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Titz 4 Tatz 2nd floor, Brasher Falls; Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Middle School cafeteria, Brasher Falls; Grab & Go mouse ears craft, may pick up, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Badenhause Library, Brasher Falls; Book Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Badenhause Library, Brasher Falls; I Spy all week Feb. 10-15, 3 p.m. Saturday deadline, Badenhause Library, Brasher Falls; Parade 11 a.m., starts at SLC School, ends at ABCD Hardware, Winthrop; Bippiti event \$, noon-3 p.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Shuffleboard tournament noon registration, 2 p.m. start, American Legion Post #514, Winthrop.

Also, Snowmobile Poker Run noon-6 p.m. Hand Poker, Ends



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Celebrate the Magic of Tri-Town, with a Disney-inspired carnival theme, will be held by the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival on Feb. 13-16.

at The Jug, North Lawrence, 5 stops minimum for hand: Kids Zone 12-3 p.m., SLC Elementary School, Brasher Falls: Bounce houses, Face painting fairy tale theme 12-2 p.m.; Disney crafts & activities, 12-3 p.m., Movement & Music MET Entertainment 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Health & Fitness with coach Aimee Aslanian 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Kiddie Zone 3 years & under 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Sheriff's Finger Printing safety cards 12-3 p.m.; Family swims in pool 1-2 p.m.;

SEE TRI-TOWN ON 16.

WHAT'S GOING ON

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Boater safety class

NORWOOD -- On Feb. 8 the Norwood Lake Association will host a boater's safety course at the Norwood Municipal Building for NLA members. Class size is limited to 40, contact Steve Bartlett (315-262-6106) for more info and sign up. NYS law requires boat operators of all ages to possess a valid boaters certificate for 2025.

Chicken BBQ in Massena

MASSENA -- A chicken BBQ will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, starting at 11 a.m. to benefit the Massena Volunteer Fire Department. The BBQ is drive thru and delivery options only. Pre-order will be available starting Jan.30 online only. The phones will not be open until 10 a.m. the morning of the BBQ. Scan the QR code, or follow link: <https://www.jotform.com/233245242873153> Cost is \$12 per meal. For delivery, call 315-769-3408.

Chicken parmesan dinner

HEUVELTON -- Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a chicken parmesan dinner Feb. 8 at 4:30 p.m. \$12 per plate. Eat-in or take out, 315-344-2364. Community welcome. Includes spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls, desert.

Ski and Snowshoe 5K

MASSENA -- A Ski and Snowshoe 5K will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. at Nicandri Nature Center. The fundraiser benefits the Massena Class of 2025 activities. Fee is \$25 and includes a raffle, shirts, and aid station with hot cocoa and more. Free equipment is available to fit all ages.

Art show opens

MASSENA -- The Massena Artists Association Open Show will open Feb. 8 and last until March 7 at the Massena Public Library, 41 Glenn St. A reception with awards ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Show features artwork by Massena High School Art Students and local adults. No charge to attend.

Twangtown Paramours

HEUVELTON -- Pickens Hall, 83 State St., will feature the Twangtown Paramours in concert on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Nashville-based husband-and-wife duo Mike T. Lewis and MaryBeth Zamer, known on stage as The Twangtown Paramours, have made a name for themselves defying boundaries with their award-winning catalogue of Americana, Folk, and Blues anthems. With a slew of accolades for their first three full-length albums, they've earned a loyal following, balancing serious instrumental and vocal chops with witty stage banter and a lighthearted approach to life. Tickets cost \$15 and are available by calling the hall at 315-344-7950 or visiting www.pickenshall.com.

Watercolor pen class

WADDINGTON -- The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts, 14 Main St., will offer the class "Outdoor Cafe" Watercolor Pen Painting on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$50. Yvonne Corbett has a new twist to create a painting by using a pen. Painting on cold-press watercolor paper with a mat provided. Beginners welcome. All materials provided. Bring lunch and a drink. Must pre-register at lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com or call 315-705-1241 or 315-705-5198.

Cinema 10 film series underway at the Roxy

POTSDAM -- Cinema 10 has begun its Spring 2025 season. The series kicked off with a screening of Anora earlier this week and will continue on Monday, Feb. 10 with a showing of Nickel Boys, a 2024 US film directed by RaMell Ross.

Films are shown on Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Roxy Theater in Potsdam.

Tickets are \$6.50 general/\$55 season or \$5.50 student/senior/\$45 season (season tickets are sharable).

For more information visit <https://www.cinema10.org>.

The following films will be shown this season:

• Feb. 10 -- Nickel Boys (United States, 2024, d. RaMell Ross) 140 m R

Shot from a first-person perspective, Nickel Boys follows the bond between two boys sent to a notorious reform school in 1960s Florida, known for its brutal treatment of students. Based on Colson Whitehead's novel, this marks documentarian RaMell Ross's narrative feature debut. (Themes of racism, strong language, violent content, smoking)

• Feb. 17 -- All We Imagine as Light

(France/India/etc., 2024, d. Payal Kapadia) 110 m NR

Set in Mumbai, All We Imagine as Light follows two nurses navigating romantic and friendship challenges. Winner of the Grand Prix at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival, it's been praised for its portrayal of female friendship. (Sexual scenes, thematic elements)

• Feb. 24 -- Sing Sing (United States, 2023, d. Greg Kwedar) 107 m R

Falsely imprisoned, a man finds freedom by helping inmates stage a play in Sing Sing prison, based on a real theater program. This A24 film features former inmates who participated in the program. Coleman Domingo earned a 2025 Best Actor nomination for his role as the protagonist. (Language throughout)

• March 3 -- Seed of the Sacred Fig / Dâne-ye anjir-e ma'âbed (Germany/France/Iran, 2024, d. Mohammad Rasoulof) 160 m PG-13

In politically tense Tehran, devout lawyer Iman rises to the high court, where discovering corruption triggers his growing paranoia, straining his family. Directed by Mohammad Rasoulof, who

has faced multiple arrests in Iran for censorship violations, the film explores how oppressive regimes affect personal relationships. (Violence, bloody images, thematic elements, language, smoking)

• March 17 -- Sugarcane (Canada/United States, 2024, d. Emily Kassie, Julian Brave NoiseCat) 107 m R. This investigative documentary examines the Canadian Indian Residential school system, its history of abuse, and the survivors grappling with its aftermath. A call for accountability, it has earned numerous award nominations, with directors honored at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival. (Thematic elements, language)

• March 24 -- Love Lies Bleeding (United Kingdom/United States, 2024, d. Rose Glass) 104 m R

Kristen Stewart stars in this dark, sexy queer thriller as a gym manager who falls for a woman aspiring to be a body-building champion. As Stewart's troubled past resurfaces, it threatens their romance. (Strong violence, grisly images, sexual content, nudity, language, drug use)

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'Art in Conversation'
OGDENSBURG -- "Art in Conversation" will be held monthly at Frederic Remington Art Museum with Educator Julie Pratt and Docent Anne Skelly. The hour discussion will be about themes and topics, exploring their connection to the featured artworks. In February, the theme explores Remington's connections with his contemporaries.

What other artists were active during his time? If you stepped into a gallery at the turn of the century, which artists would you find displayed alongside Remington's work? This program is an on-site/virtual hybrid; participants can join remotely via Zoom or in person at the museum. During this winter season there will be two sessions offered per month: Second Saturday of every month, from noon - 1 p.m. and third Thursday of every month, from noon - 1 p.m. There will only be one session in

February, on Feb. 8. Art in Conversation is free with museum admission. Museum members get free admission. To join the Museum: <https://fredericremington.org/membership-c18.php> or visit www.FredericRemington.org to learn more.

'Settlers' kid's program
OGDENSBURG -- The Ogdensburg History Museum will host the "Love Our Settlers" Second Saturday Children's Program on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11:30

a.m. The free program, led by retired kindergarten teacher Nancy Wilson Mashaw, will take place at the museum, 206 Ford St. This program highlights contributions of immigrants to the Ogdensburg community, focusing on figures such as John Hannan, a businessman and former mayor who arrived during the Potato Famine, and Margaret Walsh Hannan, who served in the Red Cross during the 1918 influenza pandemic. The program is open to children, with a limit of 25 participants. Registration is required at ogdenburghistorymuseum.com. For more information, contact oburghistorymuseum@gmail.com or visit ogdenburghistorymuseum.com.

p.m.-midnight with the band Fullbone. The event is sponsored by The Brewery & RJ's and will raise funds for the 2025's Seaway Festival.

Watercolor class
BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhausen Public Library will host a watercolor class with local artist Donna K. on Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. This class is geared towards adults and is free of charge, however donations are accepted. Call to pre-register: (315) 389-5033.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9
Ice show

MASSENA -- "Night at the Museum" is this year's ice show theme of Massena Figure Skating Club to be held Sunday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. at the Massena Arena. The ice show will feature Learn to Skaters, junior and senior skaters, and soloists. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, and \$1 students. It will include raffle baskets and 50/50, and the concession will be open.

Family swim

OGDENSBURG -- 'Family Swim' is back at Ogdensburg Free Academy. The free swimming sessions will be offered every Sunday from January 5 through February 9 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Ogdensburg Free Academy is located at 1100 State St., Ogdensburg. For more information call Jeremy at 315-393-1980 or jmcdonald@ogdenburg.org.

Sons of Amvets meet

HEUVELTON - The Sons of Amvets 1997 will meet Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the post, 107 State St.

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80s Nostalgia Night

OGDENSBURG -- An 80s Nostalgia Night will be held at Buster's Sports Bar on Saturday, Feb. 8. The big 80s gathering will feature live music from 8:30

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All-you-can-eat breakfast
MORRISTOWN -- Morristown Fire Department's annual all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, waffles, bacon, sausage, hash brown, coffee and juice. Cost is \$12.

MONDAY, FEB. 10
Blood drive

GOVERNEUR -- An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 NY-58. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, visit redcross-blood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Craft night

NORFOLK -- Join the Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St., every Monday from 4-8 p.m. for Open Craft Night. Bring whatever you're working on and have

some fun alongside friends old and new. The library's Maker Space has a Cricut, Sewing Machine, and more.

Library friends meeting
BRASHER FALLS -- The Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library will meet on Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome. The Friends of the Badenhausen Public Library work to support the library via book sales and other events.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

Morristown school board
MORRISTOWN -- The Morristown Central School Board of Education will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. in the school library

Library board meeting
BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhausen Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public..

WEDS., FEB. 12

Amvets meeting
HEUVELTON - Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will hold a post meeting Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Bubble tea

OGDENSBURG -- A bubble tea cooking class will be held Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. at Ogdensburg Public Library for ages 11 and up. The class will teach how to prepare and drink a cup of bubble tea.

Fishing expert

OGDENSBURG -- Explore the wonders of fishing on the St. Lawrence River with the Ogdensburg Public Library's new series on fishing and the rich natural heritage of the St. Lawrence River. The series kicks off with a program led by local fishing guide, Captain Jerry Kroeger II, on Wednesday, February 12, at 6 p.m. in the library's auditorium. Kroeger will share the St. Lawrence River's best fishing spots, variety of fish species, and history. From bass to pike and everything in between, Kroeger will reveal some of his best-kept fishing secrets. The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more info, contact Cheryl Ladouceur at 315-528-9788 or visit ogdensburgpubliclibrary.org.

Homeschool Hangout

BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhausen Public Library will host a Homeschool Hangout on Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. Students will engage with crafts, LEGOs, and games, while caregivers have the opportunity to network.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

Lisbon Fire meeting
LISBON -- The Lisbon Fire District Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meetings in 2025 on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Lisbon Fire Station, 7002 CR 10.

Tri-Town Carnival begins

BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival begins Thursday, Feb. 13: Snowman/ sculpture contest 4 p.m. deadline, Hammill Funeral Home, Tri-Town Arena;

Spin with Ashley 4-5 p.m., 1100 Pickle St., Winthrop; Costume Party, cocktails, finger foods, DJ-Karaoke 6-10 p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence; DJ 10-midnight p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence. More info: www.facebook.com/TriTownChamberofCommerce/.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14
KC Karaoke

HEUVELTON - KC Karaoke will be held at Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6-9 p.m. No cover charge. Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m.

Tri-Town Carnival

BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival opening ceremony Friday, Feb. 14: semi-formal attire, tickets \$25, dinner by Gideon's Gallery, dinner music, then Spoiler Rock Band 6-11 p.m., Pike's Place, Brasher Falls; Band - Andy Deon, 9 p.m.-midnight, The Jug, North Lawrence. More info: www.facebook.com/TriTownChamberofCommerce

Author visit

BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhausen Public Library will host a Feb. 14 author visit at 4 p.m. with Pat McKeown. The local author will share readings from her new book. Join us as Pat shares some snippets from her book featuring stories from locals over the past 50 years.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Bird sanctuary skiing
ONTARIO - The Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) welcomes the public on Sat., Feb. 15 to skiing at Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Between Cornwall and Upper Canada Village, about 3 hours of easy skiing on level terrain with possible views of the St. Lawrence River. Roughly 3-4 miles, easy. The trails are groomed and trackset. Contact John Barron, 613-828-2296 or johnbarron@sympatico.ca.

Casale and Cru concert

SANFORDVILLE - Mary Ann Casale and Tas Cru will perform a house concert at The Hermitage (Robin McClellan's home) on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. No cover charge, but a donation jar will be circulated (US and Canadian dollars, Euros, and Swiss Francs accepted) to support the musicians. Concertgoers can expect warm, rich vocals, tasty guitar, and relaxed, confident performance of songs from each other's repertoire as well as well-crafted covers of blues, folk and rock classics. Both are talented songwriters as well as vocalists and musicians, so you may hear tunes you haven't heard before. To hear some of their music, visit their Facebook pages. Those attending will also have a chance to purchase the band's new album which came out last summer. It's available on CD, USB, and vinyl. For more information, visit <https://robinmcclellan.com/>, where you will find directions to the Hermitage. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is challenging in the winter.

Create a webpage

NORFOLK -- Creating your own webpage is easier and more fun than you'd ever imagine! Join the Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St., on Feb. 15 from 10-11 a.m. for an open clinic where you'll discover how to create your own basic Web Page in under a half hour. Then you can watch it grow as you learn more skills and techniques. Here is a simple site that we created in under an hour: <https://deprecatdme.neocities.org/> Best for ages 12 through Adult. Bring your laptop or use our computers (we have 4).

Family wellness walk

MASSENA -- A family friendly Wellness Walk will be offered at the Nicandri Nature Center Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Walk or snowshoe a half mile loop with displays, and outdoor and indoor campfires. The event is hosted by North Country Wellness Resource.

Food Distribution

MASSENA - There will be a food distribution for St. Lawrence County residents only on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8:30-10 a.m. at St. Peter's Outreach Ministry, 128 Main St. The distribution will close earlier if items are depleted.

Monlight ski, snowshoe

MASSENA -- A moonlight ski and snowshoe event will be held on the Nicandri Nature Center trails Saturday, Feb. 15. Guided groups will leave at 6 and 7 p.m. The event is free, including equipment loans. Arrive early if borrowing equipment. The event is weather dependent, so watch Facebook or call for up-to-date information.

Oil painting class

WADDINGTON - The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts will offer the class "Got the Blues" oil painting on Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 38 Main St. Cost: \$55. Rita Goodwin will teach a reproduction of this original oil painting by Wilson Bickford. All skill levels welcome. Materials provided. Min 10, max 25. Bring lunch and a drink. Must pre-register. Email: lakesaintlawrencearts@gmail.com, phone Rita at 315-742-2620 or Bonnie Grant at 315-705-5198.

Winter Carnival events

BRASHER FALLS -- The Badenhausen Public Library will stage several winter carnival events on Feb. 15. There will be a grab and go craft 9 a.m.-4 p.m. while supplies last, ice sun catcher contest drop off 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Judging at 3 p.m. Youth 1-10, teen 11-18 and adult 18+ categories, with prizes for winners in each category. Other events include hide a mouse, door prizes and more.

Poker run

HEUVELTON - Heuvelton Amvets Post 1997, 107 State St., will host a Snowmobile Poker Run on Feb. 15 starting at 5:30 p.m. \$10 registration. Must be 18 to enter. Mandatory 4 stops and 1 card from Amvets Post 1997. Extra card can be purchased for \$5. Best poker hand wins. There will be 10 locations. Proof of stops will be provided by the locations. Participants must be back to the post by 5:30 p.m. and show proof of stops. Snowmobiles and vehicles are welcome. NO ATVs on trails. There will be food, door prizes, raffles, 50/50, music, dancing and a good time. For information, contact Kevin 315-276-4292.

Tri-Town Winter Carnival

BRASHER -- Tri-Town Winter Carnival Saturday, Feb. 15 events: Mimosas 7-11 a.m.; The Pit Stop Diner, North Lawrence; Kegs and Eggs, 8-11 a.m., The B&W Bar, Brasher Falls; Senior All Night Party breakfast, 8-11 a.m.; Brasher Winthrop Fire Dept, Brasher Falls; Snow Baby Contest 9-10:30 a.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Longest Icicle Contest, 9-10:30 a.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Temporary Kid Tattoos, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Titz 4 Tatz 2nd floor, Brasher Falls; Also, Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Middle School cafeteria, Brasher Falls; Grab & Go mouse ears craft, may pick up, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; Book Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; I Spy all week Feb. 10-15, 3 p.m. Saturday deadline, Badenhausen Library, Brasher Falls; Parade 11 a.m., starts at SLC School, ends at ABCD Hardware, Winthrop; Bippiti event \$, noon-3 p.m., Lavish in Brasher, Brasher Falls; Shuffle Board Tournament noon registration, 2 p.m. start, American Legion Post #514, Winthrop; Snowmobile Poker Run noon-6 p.m. Hand Poker, Ends at The Jug, North Lawrence, 5 stops minimum for hand. SLC Elementary School, Brasher Falls; Kids Zone 12-3 p.m., Bounce houses, Face painting fairy tale theme 12-2 p.m.; Disney crafts & activities, 12-3 p.m., Movement & Music MET Entertainment 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Health & Fitness with coach Aimee Aslanian 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Kiddie Zone 3 years & under 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Sheriff's Finger Printing

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Massena Baptist Church opens 'clothes closet'

MASSENA – The Massena Baptist Church has officially opened a Community Clothes Closet, providing affordable clothing to local residents in need. The initiative, led by Diane Shearer and her husband, the church's pastor, has been serving the community through quarterly clothing giveaways for the past four years.

Now operating as a permanent resource, the Community Clothes Closet is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, with plans to expand hours in the future. Clothing is available for a suggested donation of \$0.50 for children's items and \$1 for adult

items, though the church ensures that anyone in need receives assistance regardless of their ability to pay.

Donations of clean, unstained clothing are accepted during operating hours, with a limit of two bags per visit. All proceeds from the Clothes Closet support Operation Christmas Child, an initiative that provides holiday gifts to children overseas.

For more details, including updates on hours, visit the MBC Community Clothes Closet Facebook page. Questions can be directed to the church at (315) 769-0898 or through Facebook messages.

Sheriff's Office launches autism safety effort

CANTON – St. Lawrence County law enforcement will begin seeing blue envelopes on traffic stops following the introduction of a new safety initiative.

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's office announced Sunday that they plan to participate in the "Blue Envelope" program, which is intended to facilitate traffic stops for drivers with autism.

Drivers with autism will keep an envelope in their vehicle, which contains their driver's license, registration, and insurance. The blue envelope also contains instructions

for both the driver and the officer conducting the stop and an emergency contact card.

The envelope helps officers recognize when a driver has autism and adjust their approach for a safe, positive interaction.

The Sheriff's office says the program is needed because individuals with autism may respond differently to the stressors of traffic stops and called it "An important safety initiative for drivers with autism."

The blue envelope program "helps ensure clear communication, reduces misunderstandings, and

BRIEFLY

Pregnancy study

A study is underway, led by Dr. Lauren Diamond-Brown, a sociology professor at SUNY Potsdam, to improve people's experiences of pregnancy, birth, and postpartum in the North Country. Those pregnant who gave birth between 2018-2022 in St. Lawrence County or are a member of the Akwesasne Mohawk community who received perinatal care in the U.S. are eligible to participate. First 175 participants receive \$15 Stewarts gift card. More info: diamonla@potsdam.edu or 315-267-2554.

Childcare toolkit

A new program to assist employers who aim to help employees secure quality, affordable child care services has been launched in New York State. The toolkit provides employers with up-to-date information on child care, aiming to connect working families with support resources for childcare. More than 800,000 children in NYS under age six have working parents, underscoring the importance of safe and nurturing child care for children's development and parents' ability to work, state officials said.

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Carbon monoxide poisoning is serious business, especially during winter months

POTSDAM – Emergency Medicine providers throughout Rochester Regional Health's St. Lawrence Region typically see an increase in patients presenting with carbon monoxide poisoning during the winter months.

They are hopeful that with increased awareness, they will see fewer of these patients in 2025.

Adults, children, and pets who are inside a home or establishment with a carbon monoxide (CO) leak are at risk of being poisoned.

Homes and businesses that utilize gas, oil, propane, wood, or coal burning appliances that are not regularly serviced properly could be at

risk for a CO leak.

Along with furnaces, this also includes fireplaces, grills, and other appliances operated by CO-emitting fuels.

"It is important to ensure heaters and appliances are properly maintained and vented. Carbon monoxide poisoning will affect anyone, including pets, who are exposed in an affected space, and they need to get out into fresh air and seek medical care immediately," stated St. Lawrence Region Emergency Services Medical Director Justin MacKinnon, MD.

"These patients can be difficult to identify because the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are often non-specific, share overlap with flu-symptoms, and occur during traditional flu season," he added.

"Symptoms are often headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, vomiting, and shortness of breath."

While individuals can recover from CO poisoning, the outcome depends on the amount of time and length of exposure for each person.

The onset of nervous system and brain-related symptoms can occur after recovery from CO poisoning,

Symptoms are often headache, nausea, dizziness, drowsiness, vomiting and shortness of breath.'

Justin MacKinnon
St. Lawrence Medical Director

and the risk is higher in people who lost consciousness or are elderly.

Such symptoms may include memory loss, personality changes, and/or movement problems.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home have at least one CO alarm.

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The benefits of pelvic floor exercises

Exercise can encompass anything from jogging on a treadmill to lifting weights to engaging in group cardio classes at a gym. A growing number of women are including pelvic floor exercises in their fitness routines.

A strong pelvic floor is essential for various reasons. According to Maddie Gentile, a certified personal trainer in New York, most women do not consider their pelvic floors until the muscles in this area become weakened.

Various conditions can develop when pelvic floor muscles weaken. Weakened muscles may contribute to urinary incontinence or the more mild stress incontinence, which involves leaking urine after laughing, sneezing or coughing, indicates the Mayo Clinic. Weak pelvic muscles also may cause fecal incontinence.

The pelvic muscles are instrumental in keeping the body upright and supported. Heather Jeffcoat, DPT, founder of Femina Physical Therapy, says "the pelvic floor works in tandem with the deep abdominal muscles, acting as an internal corset." Weak muscles may lead to back pain or even uncomfortable sex in

addition to incontinence. Furthermore, weakened pelvic floor muscles can contribute to pelvic organ prolapse. According to Harvard Health, during prolapse the uterus, bladder or rectum drops or presses into or out of the vagina.

Pelvic floor muscles can weaken after pregnancy and childbirth. Factors like age, heavy lifting, chronic coughing, and obesity also are factors, states Healthline.

By working pelvic floor muscles through proper contraction and relaxation, women can ensure that the muscles do not become too loose. Kegel exercises are among the most popular pelvic floor exercises.

To find the pelvic floor muscles, one must first stop urination mid-stream. That action is targeting the right muscles. According to the Mayo Clinic, to do Kegels, imagine you are sitting on a marble and tighten your pelvic muscles as if you're lifting the marble.

Try it for three seconds at a time, then relax for a count of three. Be careful not to flex the muscles in the abdomen at the same time. Aim for at least three sets of 10 to 15 repetitions per day.

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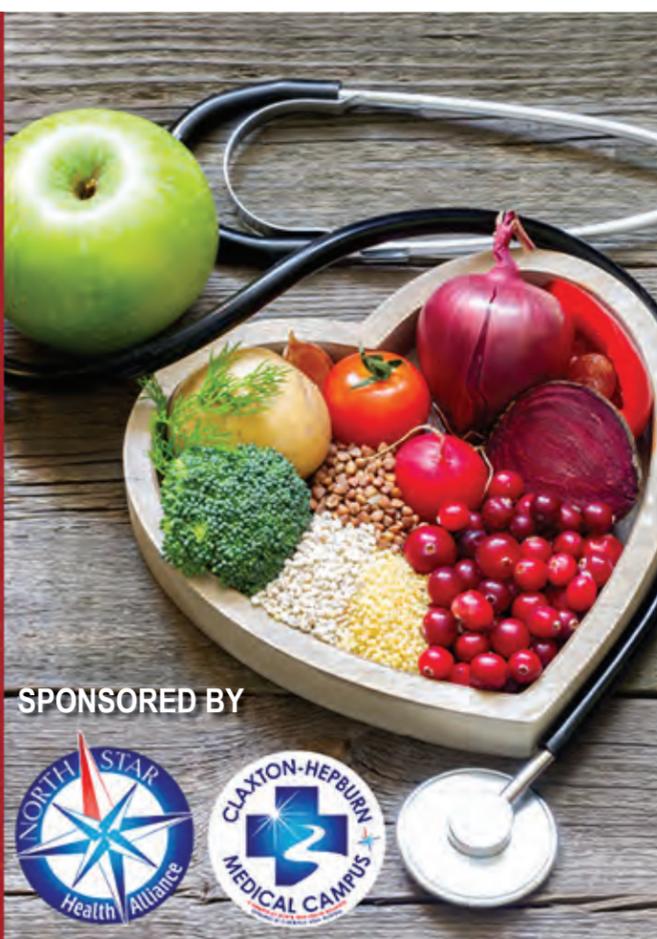
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Laura E. Barry, 85

Massena

MASSENA - Laura E. Barry, age 85, passed away on January 27, 2025, at North Country Nursing Center. Arrangements are under the care of the Phillips Memorial Home in Massena. Per Laura's wishes, there will be no calling hours or funeral services. A graveside service will be held in Calvary Cemetery, Massena, followed by a Celebration of Life at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Laura was born on February 13, 1939, in Massena to the late G. Carlson and Anna (Montgomery) Barry.

A 1957 Massena High School graduate, she was very active in band and the marching band, later went on to graduate from Watertown School of Commerce.

She retired after a long career at Metropolitan Life Insurance, as an office Manager in 1995 to care for her beloved father.

Laura took her Catholic religion to heart and spent her retirement years enjoying family and helping others.

Many who read this will recall her activity with Hospice and organizing the Hospice Memory Tree.

Others will recall her as a lector at St. Mary's Church and as a lector and lay minister at North County Nursing Home.

She loved visiting the residents

and sometimes read to them.

She was active in Back the Pack and worked weekly to help provide a community dinner for the recipients.

Laura also organized a prayer line for the sick and dying through St. Peter's Parish.

Laura was blessed with a wonderful circle of friends who stayed close to her in her three-month illness.

Few are so lucky. She was a good person and wonderful friend and family member.

Laura is survived by her loving and devoted family, a brother William "Bill" E. Barry and wife Janet of Geneva, NY, along with several nieces and nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Laura was predeceased by her brother Richard Carlson Barry in 2019.

Memorial contributions may be shared with St. Mary's Church; 105 Cornell Ave, Massena, New York 13662. Family and friends are encouraged to share online memories, pictures and condolences by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com



Laura Barry

Brenda Jean Lowery-Murray, 75

Morristown

MORRISTOWN - Brenda Jean Lowery-Murray passed away in her home on January 16, quietly in her sleep at the age of 75. Brenda was born on July 2, 1949.

Brenda was predeceased by her parents Dale and Lois Lowery, her brother Robert Lowery, and her husband James R Murray.

Brenda is survived by her Nephew Robert Lowery II, niece Stefany Carville and Husband Vinnie, and Great nephew Bryan Pratt and fiancé Victoria Martin and their 3 children. Brenda was the stepmother to 4 children: Diane Johnson, Donna Hunt, Amy Smith, and James F Murray, in addition to 7 grandchildren.

Brenda was a graduate of Morristown Central and attended the Rochester Business Institute.

She worked for several years as a secretary at Mater Dei College and for over 20 years at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center. Brenda was active in the Brier Hill Women's Auxiliary for years before becoming

the first woman volunteer Fire Department Member. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting for friends and family.

Brenda was an avid reader and collector of Currier & Ives dishes and cookware.

Surviving family would like to thank the Stout Family for the years of friendship and care given not only to Brenda, but to the entire Lowery family, thanks also go out to Lynne Lockhart for the enormous kindness and support she has shown to the family.

We are respecting Brenda's wishes, as she did not want any services.

We all know her love for animals, if you choose, please donate to the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA in Brenda's name at stlawrencevalleyspca.org.



Brenda Lowery-Murray

OGDENSBURG - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ty William Smith (47) on January 28, 2025.

Ty was born on November 4, 1977, in Ogdensburg, NY to Ty & Chris Smith.

Ty was the youngest and most easy going of the Smith kids.

He graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy, where he continued his education to receive a bachelors degree from SUNY Potsdam.

In his youth Ty was a stronger athlete than a scholar, he was known around the neighborhood running around with his siblings playing street hockey and making memories with the kids around the block.

Ty was co-owner of the Ogdensburg Bowl, where his personality and quick-wit always made others smile and laugh.

Ty William Smith, 47

Ogdensburg

Ty enjoyed spending time on his boat, bowling, golfing, visiting the track in Saratoga, cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers and FSU, shooting the breeze with OGD Bowl regulars, and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, Ty is survived by his fiancé, Jessicalee Hollis; his three children, Andrew Ty Smith, Tanner Mitchell Smith, Adeline Rose Smith; his older siblings, Jenifer (Jeffrey) Zoeller, Aaron (Shelby) Smith; his nieces and nephews, Taylor Smith, Jackson Zoeller, Sage Smith and Steven Smith; several aunts, uncles and



Ty Smith

cousins; and many lifelong friends.

He is predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Pappy and Mimi Smith and his maternal grandparents, Roy K. and Marge Brown.

Calling hours will be Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 1:00-4:00 PM at Frary Funeral Home. At 4:00 PM, guests will be directed to St. John's Episcopal Church across the street, allowing the family some private time.

The funeral service will start at 5:00 PM. A Celebration of Ty's life will be held at a future date for family and friends to gather and share their memories of Ty.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ty's memory to the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club.

Online condolences may be made at www.fraryfuneralhome.com.

Anthony "Chuck" Bronchetti, 96

Massena

School for over 30 years.

He was a lifelong communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church,

member of the Italian-American Club and former member of the Massena Elks Lodge.

Chuck took great pride in maintaining his home and lawns.

He followed all sports, especially the NY Yankees and NY Giants, as well as his grandchildren's sporting events.

Additionally, Chuck was very proud that he was able to remain independent in his "senior years."

Chuck is survived by his children, Tina and John Phillips of Massena, Tony Bronchetti of Syracuse, Tom and Annie Bronchetti



Anthony Bronchetti

of Slingerlands, and Steven and Wendy Bronchetti of Brooklyn; and his grandchildren, Sophia, Natalie, Mark, David, Jocelyn, and Adriana.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Paul Bronchetti on December 11, 2023.

Arrangements are under the care and guidance of the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena where friends may call on Wednesday starting at 10:00 AM until the time of the services at 11:00 AM with Rev. Mark Reilly, officiating.

Burial will be in the spring at Calvary Cemetery, Massena.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to a charity of one's choice.

Friends are encouraged to share memories and offer condolences online at www.donaldsonfh.com.

Doug McNamara, 62

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Doug was an alumni of SUNY Canton with a degree in Electrical

Engineering. Beyond his technical background, Doug was a talented craftsman that enjoyed building and fixing things which showed itself in many family home improvement projects.

A lifelong adventurer with his wife by his side, leaving behind a legacy of cherished family memories from camping, road trips and cruises across the globe.

He was a smart, talented and vivid storyteller that enjoyed recounting memories of his childhood, adventures with friends, worldly travels, culinary experiences, history factoids and family memories.

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Doug McNamara

COLTON - It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Doug McNamara, age 62, of Durham, NC.

He passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Friday January 31, 2025.

Doug is survived by his wife Robyn, parents Donald McNamara of South Colton, NY and Annemarie Regan of Colton, NY; sons, Matthew McNamara of San Jose, CA, Mark McNamara of Tracy, CA; daughters, Jessica Cassetori of Chelsea, AL, Sharra Miller and husband Justin of Hampstead, MD; sister, Patricia McNamara Wells and husband Kenny of Massena, NY; grandchildren, Jace Miller, Raleigh Mae Miller, Wyatt Miller, Sawyer McNamara, Hailey Cassetori and Dillon Cassetori; nieces, Britney Wells and Megan Wells.

Raised on a US-German Army Base, Doug spent his childhood exploring Europe, adorned with his sister under his wing.

Once his family settled state-side, Doug met his lifelong love, Robyn, the two were married in 1984.

Together they raised their family in upstate New York for 22 years, before calling North Carolina their home for the most recent

RECENT DEATHS

CAROLYN OUDERKIRK, 75, formerly of Massena, Jan. 24.

DIANA AVERY, THOMAS BOWEN, TIARA BOWEN, JOSHUA, ELI, AND KARMEN

BOWEN, Massena, Jan. 27. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

LAURA BARRY, 85, Massena, Jan. 27. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

IRENE HOLLAND, 88, Waddington, Jan. 28. Arrangements with Phillips Memorial Home, Massena.

TY SMITH, 47, Ogdensburg, Jan. 28. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ARTHUR MEACHAM, 92, Brasher Falls, Jan. 28. Arrangements with Hammill Funeral Home, Winthrop.

SONYA ALLMAN, 52, Massena, Jan. 26. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

ARTHUR PARMETER SR., 79, Lisbon, Jan. 30. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home,

Ogdensburg.

WILLIAM SELLECK, 63, Ogdensburg, Jan. 30. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ANTHONY BRONCHETTI, 96, Massena, Jan. 30. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

ANTHONY SWEENEY, 75, Ogdensburg, Jan. 30. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

RICHARD BORDEAU, 82, Massena, Jan. 30. Arrangements with Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena.

MILDRED TENYCK, 87, Ogdensburg, Jan. 31. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

ANNA MACDOUGALL, 93, Ogdensburg, Feb. 1. Arrangements with Fox & Murray Funeral Home, Ogdensburg.

BASIL CRUIKSHANK, 75, formerly of Ogdensburg, Feb. 1.

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OBITUARIES

Diana (Kosmicki) Avery, 62

Massena

MASSENA - Diana (Kosmicki) Avery, devoted grandmother, loving mother, caring sister and aunt, passed away on January 28, 2025. She was 62 years old.

Diana was born in Malone, NY on July 6, 1962; to the late Helen J. Kosmicki, and was a lifelong resident of the North Country.

She attended Malone schools and received her GED in 1979. She then attended NCCC in Malone, NY where she received an Associate Degree in Legal Secretarial Science in 1992.

As a teen she worked at the local Dairy Queen, where everyone referred to her as "D".

With her degree, she worked at the Thomas LaRoque Law Firm and the Public Defender's office.

For the past 27 years, Diana was employed by the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino as their Chief Telecommunication Administrator.

Diana was a loving mother to Joseph, Anthony and Thomas Bowen beginning in 1982.

Diana was a devoted grandmother to Tyler Bowen, Joshuha Bowen, Eli Bowen, Beni Keton Jivan Bowen, and Karmen Bowen.

She was a caring sister to Linda Chen, and a devoted aunt to Harrison Jung-Chen.

She later became a step-grandmother to Sheridan McLean, Tregan Blaise, Elizabeth Blaise, and Abigail Bunnell.

Diana had a variety of interests; BINGO, cooking, collecting cookbooks and Gordan Ramsay.

She enjoyed gardening especially roses and she longed to travel to the Hawaiian Islands.

She recently attended a Donny

Osmond Concert which was her longtime dream. She enjoyed being home with her family the most.



Diana Avery

Diana, her son Thomas Bowen, grandchildren, Joshuha, Eli and Karmen Bowen and her Daughter-in-law, Tiara Bowen, tragically passed

away in the house that they made their home.

Diana is predeceased by her mother Helen Kosmicki. She is survived by her sons; Joseph (Zachary) Bowen of Brasher Falls, Anthony (Samantha) Bowen of Plattsburgh, NY, her sister Linda (Ronald) Chen of Albany, NY, her nephew Harrison (Jihyeon) Jung-Chen of Connecticut and her remaining grandchildren.

Diana was a proud member of the Akwesasne Mohawk Tribe, and she will be missed greatly by family, adoptive family and her many friends.

The family will be holding joint calling hours at the Emanuel Congregational Church located at 39 W. Orvis Street in Massena, NY on Friday February 7, 2025, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Memorial contributions may be shared with the family through Phillips Memorial Home, by clicking the white donate button, by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

Family and friends are welcome to share photos, memories and online condolence by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com

Richard "Dick" Paul Gilbert Sr., 86

Howardville

HOWARDVILLE - Richard "Dick" Paul Gilbert, Sr., 86, of Howardville Road died January 27, 2025 at his home after a short battle with dementia.

A private family memorial will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pierrepont Volunteer Fire Department or to Canton Fire Department.

Born December 15, 1938 in Syracuse NY, he was a son of the late Percy Warner Gilbert and Virginia (Reese) Gilbert and graduated from Nottingham High School in Syracuse.

In August of 1959 he married Dorothy Anne McIntyre in Syracuse.

He enlisted in the Air Force National Guard in 1957 serving at Hancock Airfield and also in France for 9 months and was honorably discharged in 1962.

Dick was a Sales Representative and Supervisor for Wonder Bread in Syracuse and later in Potsdam NY.

In addition to his wife Dorothy of Pierrepont, he is survived by a son Richard Paul (Gabby Brown) Gilbert, Jr. of Bernhards Bay NY; three daughters Susan (Jeff)

Kahn of Howell, MI, Janice (Dave) Bansek of Anaheim CA and Patti (Brian) Leach of Pennellville NY; one brother John W. (Charlene) Gilbert of Booneville NY; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



Richard Gilbert

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by a grandson Justin Gilbert.

Dick enjoyed precious time with family and friends at the family Camp at Seventh Lake, Inlet NY.

He was an accomplished woodworker and also very mechanically inclined, repairing small engines and appliances.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Canton has been entrusted to Dick's care and arrangements.

Tributes, photos and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.lawrencefuneralhome.org

MASSENA - Thomas Issac Bowen, devoted husband, loving father, and caring brother and son, passed away untimely on January 28, 2025. He was 38 years old.

Thomas Issac Bowen, known to his family and friends as "Tommy Pickles" was born to Diana (Kosmicki) Avery and Dale Bowen on January 1, 1987, in Malone, New York.

He attended schools in Malone Central and Brushton-Moira Central School Districts.

Thomas started his passionate career as a cook in Massena, New York with Kentucky Fried Chicken.

He later went on to cook at McDonald's, Wendy's, Spanky's restaurant and most recently the Highland Family Restaurant.

Thomas also worked at North Country Bitcoin and worked as a handyman for other friends and family.

Thomas was a jack-of-all-trades and always gave a helping hand.

Thomas Issac Bowen, 38

Massena

Thomas enjoyed football, cooking, camping, laughing and visiting with family and friends.



Thomas Bowen

Thomas began his family with his wife, and soul mate, Tiara "T" Bowen as they embraced their first born Joshuha Michael Bowen into their lives, with two more children blessing their

little family, Eli Lee and Karmen Alexander Bowen.

Thomas was well known for his passionate way of life and the love for his family and his friends.

Thomas and his family including his mother, Diana Avery, wife, Tiara Bowen and children, Joshuha, Eli and Karmen Bowen tragically passed away in the house that was their home.

Thomas is predeceased by his

grandmother, Helen J. Komicki and his grandfather, Donald J. Bowen.

Thomas is survived by his Father, Dale Bowen of Moira, his brothers, Joseph (Zachery Bunnell) Bowen of Brasher Falls, Anthony (Samantha) Bowen of Plattsburgh New York, his grandmother, Virginia Bowen of Moira, NY, His Aunts, Linda (Ronald) Chen of Albany, Donna Bowen of Bombay, Darlene (Kenneth Ryan) Bowen of Skerry, NY, Pamela Bowen of Monistia, Penny (Bryan) Chapman pf Churubusco, NY, and Sherry (Anthony Riley) Bowen of Bangor, NY. His longest living friend, Susan McGregor of Massena, NY along with nieces and nephews and his many cousins.

The family will be holding calling hours at the Emanuel Congregational Church on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Family and friends are welcome to share condolences, photos and memories of Thomas by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Tiara M. Bowen, 33

Massena

as I. "Tommy" Bowen and they embraced their first born Joshuha Michael Bowen into their lives.



Tiara Bowen

While raising her family, Tiara was a stay-at-home mom that cared and nurtured her growing family, with two more children blessing their little family, Eli Lee and Karmen Alexander

Bowen.

Tiara was always levelheaded, and family oriented, a much-grounded wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend.

Tiara and her family including

her mother-in law, Diana Avery, Husband Thomas Bowen and children, Joshuha, Eli and Karmen Bowen tragically passed away in the house that they made a home.

Tiara is survived by her mother, April DeRonde of Syracuse, NY, her father, Joseph Hence and wife, Athena of Massena, NY, with a sister, Tiffani Hence, along with her nieces and nephews, Dante Dow and Aliyssa Hence both of Canton, NY.

The Bowen and Avery family will be holding calling hours at the Emanuel Congregational Church on Friday; February 7, 2025, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Family and friends are welcome to share condolences, photos and memories of Tiara by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

Joshuha Michael (13), Eli Lee (8), & Karmen Alexander (6) Bowen

Massena

was a member of the PAL program through the Massena Police Department.



Eli Bowen

He spent the majority of his time playing video games and spending time with his family and friends.

Karmen Alexander Bowen, age 6, was born on August 24, 2018, to Thomas and Tiara Bowen in Massena

Hospital.

Karmen attended Massena Central School with his many friends.

Karmen was known as the angelic baby for the dimples that were on his face.

Karmen enjoyed arts and crafts. His many arts and creations were given to many family members to be cherished.

He enjoyed spending his time playing video games, YouTube, and enjoying time with his family and friends.

The Bowen family enjoyed camping, swimming, fishing, grilling and of course eating a hot dog or burger.

The Bowen Family used food as a gateway for open conversation, laughing and family memories.

The Bowen Boys, including their family; grandmother, Diana Avery, father Thomas Bowen, and mother



Karmen Bowen

Tiara Bowen tragically passed away in the house that they called home.

The Bowen Boys are survived by their grandparent(s), April DeRonde of Syracuse, NY, Joseph Hence and wife, Athena of Massena,

NY, and Dale Bowen of Churubusco, NY. They are also survived by their uncles, Joseph (Zachery Bunnell) Bowen of Brasher Falls, NY, Anthony (Samantha) Bowen of Plattsburgh, NY. Aunts Tiffani Hence of Massena, NY and Susan McGregor of Massena, NY.

The Bowen Boys had many cousins and extended and adopted family members.

Calling hours will be held at the Emmanuel Congregational Church on Friday February 7, 2025, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Family and friends are welcome to share condolences, photos and memories of The Bowen Boys by visiting www.PhillipsMemorial.com.

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VOLUNTEERS . . . OVRs volunteers boast significant experience

an annual report issued by the squad.

"Volunteers continue to fulfill their duty shifts on both day and night. Their unwavering dedication has resulted in a remarkable contribution of over 42,320 hours to their communities in 2024. At the prevailing market rate for paid providers, this represents a substantial financial savings of over \$1,311,920.00 to the communities we serve, encompassing salary and benefits such as health insurance and pensions."

Gardner said in 2024 OVRs added 14 new members.

"Our Volunteer Members hail from many different Cities and Towns in St. Lawrence County. We are also privileged to have Volunteers from Canada, as far away as Montreal and Ottawa. For the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, this commitment is truly remarkable. It is noteworthy that the volunteers of the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad do not receive any compensation for their invaluable service to their community," the said.

Gardner said the OVRs volunteers boast significant experience.

"The volunteer ranks include one individual with over 50 years of service, one with 44 years, one with over 30 years, one with over 25 years, two with over 20 years, one with over 15 years, four with over 10 years, four with over 5 years, and twenty-four with less than five years of service."

While the influx of volunteers is a welcome change in an ongoing trend, demands on the squad have also ramped up.

"Despite our recent increase in Volunteer Membership, we have not yet seen a corresponding surge in certified providers. The New York State Department of Health has classified the EMT Class as a college-level course, necessitating additional classroom and clinical hours for certification acquisition. OVRs will cover the expenses of members who wish to attend classes up to the Paramedic level, which simplifies the Volunteer's financial responsibility," Gardner said in his report.

"However, this still presents a significant challenge, as volunteers often juggle work, family responsibilities, mandatory volunteer hours at the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, and the demanding coursework required to become an EMT. Becoming a Paramedic after obtaining an EMT certification requires nearly three times the additional classroom and clinical hours."

He said the ongoing shortage of certified EMS providers, both paid and volunteer, continues to pose staffing difficulties.

"We currently employ 11 full-time and 15 part-time per diem providers and drivers to meet our public obligations. The maintenance and replacement of equipment remain substantial burdens. It is crucial to emphasize the vital role of Volunteer Drivers, who must be Certified Emergency Vehicle Operators, in the operations of OVRs. Without these dedicated volunteers, we would be unable to respond to the urgent calls for our services on a timely basis, particularly on the second, third, or fourth calls," he said.

So while the trend is moving in the right direction, the rescue squad is hopeful the renewed inter-

est in volunteering continues.

LAWSUIT . . . Community turned out sup- port of vet after fire

at Java," and also "failed to properly train firefighting personnel in how to assess and combat the rekindling of fire."

He further claims the entities also "failed to properly train and supervise fire personnel on when to remove resources from the scene of a fire and how to deploy an excavator to tear down part of a building without risk to the stability of the structure."

In his claim, Perez also claims the entities "knew or should have known that fire personnel would face a situation similar to the one that they faced on October 28, 2022, and that, had they received adequate training, would not have led to the rekindling of the fire that appeared to be under control."

The lawsuit is one that has been gestating for months now, after a notice of claim was filed in January 2023.

In his notice, Perez stated he was seeking \$4.5 million for damages and distress.

He also put the fire departments of Akwesasne, Potsdam, Madrid, West Stockholm, Norfolk, Brasher-Winthrop, and Waddington on notice but did not include them in the lawsuit.

The Java Veterinary Center, located on Route 56 just outside of Massena, was declared a total loss following a fire on Oct. 28. The fire, initially reported just after 3 a.m., was put out before rekindling around noon. The fire rekindled again a few hours later, leading to a total loss, according to officials at the time.

In court documents obtained by North Country This Week, the claims against the towns and fire departments "are for negligence and other related causes of action in light of the fact that the firefighters who responded, and the way they responded to the fire, created a special relationship with Dr. Perez such that liability attaches."

When the fire rekindled, Massena Louisville, Norfolk, Brasher-Winthrop, Madrid and Waddington responded, with Massena Volunteer Fire responding with an aerial truck as well, documents state.

Court documents attempt to bring into question why area fire departments that responded initially to the fire had removed their personnel and resources from the scene prior to the first rekindle around noon that day.

Documents also state, "upon information and belief, only the Louisville Fire Department responded to the second rekindling that occurred on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Thus, the aforementioned fire departments may bear some or all responsibility for the loss suffered by Dr. Perez."

No injuries were reported but at least two dogs were lost in the fire.

Java Veterinary Center also offered boarding services for North Country Residents.

A GoFundMe was established shortly after the fire, raising over \$64,000 from 532 donations, according to the GoFundMe page. Those funds were expected to help rebuild the veterinary center.

A benefit dinner was also held on Nov. 13, 2022 at Eyland's restaurant in Massena, with many local businesses and local residents partici-

pating. Seven different dishes were served, along with baskets and prizes for raffles. Donated items included a 55" TV, Adirondack chair set with a firepit, a "basket of cheer", lotto ticket tree, doggie baskets and a 50/50 raffle.

On Dec. 3, 2022, the Moose Lodge hosted a Skillo Bingo fundraiser, which also included surprise raffles and 50/50 tickets.

Local musician Tracer James hosted a lap steel Christmas concert on Dec. 9, 2022, selling tickets for \$10 each to benefit the rebuilding efforts of the Java Veterinary Center.

Perez reopened in a temporary location at 10 Trade Dr. in the Massena Industrial Park shortly after the fire but has since reopened with a new, permanent clinic behind the charred remains of the former clinic. Perez was further embroiled in controversy in Nov. 2023 when it was revealed his license to practice veterinary medicine was temporarily suspended.

In an email sent to North Country This Week in Nov. 2023, officials with the vet clinic said Perez's license was temporarily suspended.

No reason was given for the suspension, however officials with the clinic say business would resume Dec. 28, 2023.

Documents state the town of Louisville has retained Westerman, Sheehy, Samaan & Gillespie, LLP, East Meadow, NY, for representation in the case.

An appearance date has been set for Friday, February 14 in Supreme Court of the State of New York, St. Lawrence County.

Supreme Court Judge Mary Farley will oversee the hearing.

GENDEBIEN . . .

Healthcare, housing, high prices are focus of candidate

from D.C."

He said he is disappointed in government gridlock and jockeying for power he's seen on both sides of the aisle.

"It resulted in a lot of inaction in the North Country," he said.

Gendebien said when he sees a car off the road, he doesn't ask what their political affiliation is, he hooks his chain up and pulls them out.

He plans to govern the same way. He said that if he's elected to congress he'll be representing all of the constituents regardless of their party membership.

"I do not see myself being a victim of the lines being drawn. This is my neighborhood," he said.

Gendebien wants to go to D.C. as an advocate for the entire North Country.

He wants to tackle the problems that face everyone right now. That includes reducing grocery prices, fuel prices and holding line on tax burdens.

He says there needs to be an emphasis put on housing initiatives to create something people can afford and make sure help is in place to address an aging electorate as senior care is vanishing in the North Country.

Among his top priorities, though, are ensuring healthcare is affordable and accessible. That includes ensuring people don't have to travel hours to see specialists and that costs associated with health care aren't crippling families.

Gendebien announced his intent to campaign for the congressional seat in January and has reported raising more than \$700,000 in funds already. His opponent has

yet to be determined as Republican chairs have not yet rallied behind a single candidate.

The seat isn't open yet, as it's still held by Rep. Elise Stefanik who is expected to vacate it once she officially takes on the role of U.N. Ambassador in President Donald Trump's cabinet.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Democratic chairs in the NY-21 Congressional District announced they had chosen Gendebien as their candidate.

Minutes after the announcement, Gendebien came under fire for the decade-old TAUNY interview about his farm.

In the interview, Gendebien discusses his farm and community, painting an unsavory picture of the area's workforce, which Republicans have been quick to call out.

Among those criticizing Gendebien are State Republican Party Chair Ed Cox and Stefanik.

"This radical Far Left Democrat is a longtime major donor and groupie of leftist, gun-grabbing, Taxin' Tedra Cobb, a supporter of Kathy Hochul, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, and a public supporter of Biden's inflation policies, which devastated NY21 families," Cox said.

OBITUARIES

Marjorie A. Jebo Tichonuk

Formerly of Potsdam

POTSDAM - Marjorie A. Jebo Tichonuk, a resident of St. Albans, VT, and formerly of Potsdam, peacefully passed at her home on January 14, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Marjorie was born in 1926 in Schenectady, NY, the daughter of Hiram L. and Maizie P. Jebo.

When she was a young girl, Marjorie and her family moved back to Potsdam. She was a 1945 graduate of Potsdam Central School.

In addition to being a consummate homemaker and mother, Marjorie loved all things outdoors.

Her flower gardens were the envy of the neighborhood.

She had a deep interest and compassion for animals, exemplified by the flocks of birds that gathered at her feeders.

She loved camping with her family, hiking, long walks, traveling nationally and abroad, and skating and cross country skiing on Lake Champlain. She enjoyed most of these activities into her 90's.

Survivors include her sons Erick Tichonuk of Greenport, NY, Dana

Jarrett (Barbara) of Milton, VT, Donald Jarrett (Lesleigh) of Swanton, VT, her daughter, Diane Jarrett

Snyder of Exeter, NH, as well as seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, Marjorie was predeceased by her husband of

47 years, John M. Tichonuk, her brother Richard H. Jebo, her son-in-law David F. Snyder and her first husband, Albert J. Jarrett.

A private interment service will be held next summer at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery where Marjorie will be laid to rest next to her husband, John.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Bayada Hospice, 354 Mountain View Drive, Suite 305, Colchester, VT 05546.



Marjorie Tichonuk

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CALENDAR . . .

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safety cards 12 -3 p.m.; Family swims in pool 1-2 p.m. Also, Frank's Wing Eating Contest noon registration with 1 p.m. start, Frank's Pizzeria, Brasher Falls; Piano recital-Creative Endeavors, 1 p.m. Methodist Church, Brasher Falls; Pony Rides \$5 and games 2-4 p.m. ESTC 9455 St. Hwy 11, Winthrop; Local Vendor Displays, NLVFD food truck on site, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ABCD Hardware, Winthrop. Also, Adirondack BBQ Food Truck, 1 p.m., High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Lacey Rae Stoddard Entertainment, 2 p.m., High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Free Ice Skating 6-9 p.m., Helena Ice Rink; Charity Hockey Game BWVFD food donation 3:45 p.m. Tri-Town Arena, Winthrop; Outdoor Fire / S'mores, 4-6 p.m. High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Spaghetti dinner \$, 4-7 p.m., American Legion Post 514, Winthrop; Corn Hole Tournament \$50 /team, Food truck G2 Brickhouse , DJ Wendy Crump, 12 p.m. reg, 1 p.m. start, Pike's Place, Brasher Falls; Paint and Sip with adult wine glasses, 6-8 p.m., Crasper Hall, Brasher Falls; Glow Trailer - Josh Barrett, 7-8:30 p.m., Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls; Fireworks, 8 p.m., Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls; Band - Playback, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., The Jug, North

Lawrence. More info: www.facebook.com/TriTownChamberofCommerce.

Winter book sale

BRASHER FALLS - Friends of the Badenhause Public Library will not be holding their monthly used book sale on Saturday, Feb. 1 but will instead hold a Winter Carnival book sale on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the Tri-Town Winter Carnival. The sale will be held at the Badenhause Library, 897 Main St. Book prices are as follows: Adult hardcover \$2, adult paperback \$1, children's hardcover \$1, and children's paperback and board books 2/\$1. Children can select one free book at each monthly book sale. Funds raised benefit Badenhause Public Library. Friends of the Badenhause Public Library will hold book sales on the first Saturday of each month as an on-going fundraiser.

TRI-TOWN . . .

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\$5 and games 2-4 p.m. ESTC 9455 St. Hwy 11, Winthrop; Local Vendor Displays-Stop til you drop game, NLVFD food truck on site, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ABCD Hardware, Winthrop; Adirondack BBQ Food Truck, 1 p.m.

Also, High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Lacey Rae Stoddard Entertainment, 2 p.m., High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Free Ice Skating 6-9 p.m., Helen Ice Rink; Charity Hockey Game BWVFD food donation 3:45 p.m. Tri-Town Arena, Winthrop; Outdoor Fire / S'mores, 4-6 p.m. High Peaks Winery, Winthrop; Spaghetti dinner \$, 4-7 p.m., American Legion Post 514, Winthrop; Corn Hole Tournament \$50 /team, Food truck G2 Brickhouse , DJ Wendy Crump, 12 p.m. reg, 1 p.m. start, Pike's Place, Brasher Falls;Paint and Sip with adult wine glasses, 6-8 p.m., Crasper Hall, Brasher Falls; Glow Trailer - Josh Barrett, 7-8:30 p.m., Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls; Fireworks, 8 p.m., Tri-Town Arena, Brasher Falls; Band - Playback, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., The Jug, North Lawrence.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Breakfast Buffet all you can eat ,

8 -11 a.m., The Pitstop Diner, North Lawrence;

Young Artists- Disney inspired canvas paint class, 8-10 a.m., Crasper Hall, Brasher Falls;

Pageant \$, 1 p.m., SLC Elementary. School cafe, Brasher Falls North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD Diner, 1-4 p.m., North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD, Diner menu @NLFD Station, 1-4 p.m.

Tug-a-War, Sled Races and Dog Sled Races , 1-3 p.m., North Lawrence & Lawrenceville VFD Band- Tim Gray, 2-6 p.m., The Jug, North Lawrence;

Pool Tournament, benefits Hospice, 2 p.m. reg, The Jug, North Lawrence; Bingo Trivia - Summer Festival, 3-4:30 p.m. BWFD fire station, Brasher Falls;

Closing Ceremony - limited menu, 5-7 p.m., The Pit Stop Diner, North Lawrence.

FILMS . . .

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• March 31 -- Do Not Expect Too Much From the End of the World / Nu aştepta prea mult de la sfârşitul lumii (Romania/Luxembourg/

France/etc., 2023, d. Radu Jude) 163 m NR

Angela, a production assistant, films injured workers for safety videos at a multinational corporation, while also exploring a hyper-masculine digital identity on TikTok. Radu Jude's fiercely satirical film has earned praise for its wild, chaotic ride. (Language, sexual content, thematic elements)

• April 7 -- Flow / Straume (Latvia/Belgium/France, 2024, d. Gints Zilbalodis) 85 m PG

This dialogue-free, animated journey follows a cat who, after a flood destroys his home, finds unexpected friends. Created entirely in Blender, Flow has won over a dozen animation awards. (Peril, thematic elements)

• April 14 -- Nightbitch (United States, 2024, d. Marielle Heller) 99 m R

Starring Amy Adams and Scoot McNairy, Nightbitch follows a stay-at-home mom who, feeling isolated and resentful after giving up her artistic career, begins experiencing bizarre physical changes and believes she's turning into a dog. (Language, some sexuality).

Gallery kicks off 10th year with new exhibit

WADDINGTON — The Gallery at Lake Saint Lawrence Arts has kicked off its 10th season with a new exhibit showcasing the work of three diverse artists.

The show, which opened on Jan. 23, runs through March 22 and highlights the talents of Susan Riley, Beverly Patchin, and Paul Dickson.

Susan Riley – Weaving Stories

Susan Riley's passion for weaving began at 25, but it wasn't until her retirement at 65 that she fully embraced the craft. After years of inaction, she set up a studio and now creates intricate, textured wall hangings inspired by global cultures and animals. Riley, who is also president of the Gallery, is a member of the Wednesday Weavers group at the Thousand Islands Handweavers Museum in Clayton.

Beverly Patchin – Photography

Beverly Patchin, a founding member of the Gallery, began her photography career later in life after retiring. Her work spans portraits, nature, and quirky objects, and has earned her several awards in juried shows across the North Country. In addition to her photographic work, Patchin offers custom framing services both at the Gallery and throughout the region.

Paul Dickson – Watercolors

At 92, Paul Dickson is still painting watercolors that capture the beauty of nature, particularly birds and wildlife. Although he began sketching and wood carving early on, it wasn't until his later years that Dickson pursued art seriously. His detailed watercolors, influenced by his time with the railroads and the US Air Force, have garnered recognition in the artistic community.

Twangtown Paramours to perform at Pickens Hall

HEUVELTON -- The Twangtown Paramours will perform in concert on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at Pickens Hall, 83 State St.

The Twangtown Paramours are an award-winning husband and wife Soulful Folk duo from Nashville.

They are three time Kerrville finalists and winners of Texas's Wildflower Contest.

Lead singer, MaryBeth Zamer used to sing background vocals for Eva Cassidy. Writer, producer, and

guitar player, Mike Lewis is the author of a #1 platinum selling hit in Korea.

The last Twangtown Paramours album was #11 on the UK blues charts.

The newest Twangtown Paramours album was released to US and UK radio stations and to the public on Jan. 3.

Their last Folk album was #2 on the FAI Folk DJ Chart.

Tickets are \$15 at the door or online.

Unitarian church offering basic mediation training

CANTON – Basic mediation training will be offered Friday-Sunday, March 7-9, and Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3 1/2 E. Main St.

This structured, hands-on learning experience teaches the skills and strategies to facilitate dialogues for peaceful conflict resolution. No formal education or prior training is needed.

Participants will learn techniques for de-escalation of conflict, facilitation of difficult conversations, and collaborative problem solving, how to identify interests, values, and needs of people in conflict, how to respond to different values, cultural norms and biases, NY law, theory, types of mediation, and ethics.

Training is led by nationally renowned NYS Certified Mediation Trainer, Educator, Restorative

Justice Practitioner, and Mediator, Duke Fisher.

The training is offered in two different tracts, a volunteer option and a non-volunteer option.

For the volunteer option, mediators are required to complete a 5-day training at no cost followed by an apprenticeship leading to certification as a volunteer community mediator/neutral.

Once certified, mediators are expected to volunteer for 4 mediation cases per year, as well as complete 8 hours of in-service continuing education.

A tuition fee will be required. Inquire when registering. Attendees who register for either tract must attend all 5 days.

Contact Rick Pominville, St Lawrence County ADR Director, to register at 315-785-0333 x201 or rpominville@resolution-center.net.



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Morristown residents, from left, David, Kyle and Laurie Questel check out the woodworking products sold by Tom Questel, of Tom's Got Wood, Ogdensburg, at The Wine, Beer, Food & Artisan Festival. The event was held at Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg, Feb. 1, presented by Seaway Festival Special Events.

About 1,000 turn out for Wine, Beer, Food fest

OGDENSBURG -- Despite the bitter cold Saturday, Feb. 1, the Wine, Beer, Food & Artisan Festival drew about 1,000 people to Wadhams Hall.

Over 50 vendors were selling a wide selection of drinks, food and home crafted items.

Vendors came from around St. Lawrence County and beyond, including Plattsburgh, Croghan, Clayton, and Keeseville.

Several wine and beer vendors were busy handing out samples of their products to a line of customers.

Other popular items included baked goods, cheese, honey, jewelry, and home decor items.

The fundraiser benefits Ogdensburg Seaway Festival events.

The annual event has previously been held at Frederic Remington Museum, but this year is closed from January-February 15.

BRIEFLY

Free tax assistance

MASSENA — For the 2024 tax year, AARP's Tax-Aide program will operate a single site in St. Lawrence County to provide free tax preparation assistance. Massena Community Center, 61 Beach St., will open every Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 3, through April 15. Taxpayers seeking assistance must visit the site during these hours to pick up and complete an intake sheet. Taxpayers can wait at the Massena site, in their vehicle, or return home while their returns are processed. Once a return is completed, taxpayers will be contacted by phone to answer any questions and to schedule a pickup time. The Tax-Aide program is available to all taxpayers, not just seniors. AARP does not discriminate based on age, and services are open to anyone in need of assistance with their tax filings. For additional information, contact Sheryl Campbell at 315-212-0450.

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2. El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico.
3. "The Picture of Dorian Gray."
4. Buffalo Bill.
5. Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Formal Sciences.
6. White Castle.
7. 14 (Atlanta Falcons, Arizona Cardinals, Baltimore Ravens, Carolina Panthers, Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals, Denver Broncos, Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Rams, Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks).
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Photo submitted by Mark Laguardor

Massena skaters compete at Empire Games

Sixteen Massena Figure Skating Club members performed at the 2025 Empire State Winter Games: Madison Laguardor, Anna Jock-Miller, Brooklyn Laguardor, Mackenzie Swamp, Amelia Jarrett, Lily Tiernan, Summer Sky Henderson, Sonja Mitchell, Piper Stokes, Ava Taylor, Laila Jarrett, Liana Patraw, Abby Niles, Madelyn Rowe, Gracycie Kimble, and Sophia Thompson showcased their figure skating talent at the Empire Games. Twelve Massena skaters earned medals for their performances, bringing home four Gold, three Silver, and five Bronze medals.

Tractor Supply hosting 'Pet Adoption Event'

OGDENSBURG — Ogdensburg Tractor Supply is hosting a "Pet Adoption Event" Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their store, 1051 Park Street.

"As strong advocates for pet rescue and adoption, Tractor Supply is committed to providing a welcoming environment that connects adoptable pets with potential new families," said James Leabo, manager of the Ogdensburg store. "Our goal is to educate our customers about the adoption process and help animals find loving homes."

The event, which is free and open to the public, will

feature a variety of dogs and cats in need of homes, and attendees are encouraged to bring friendly, leashed pets. In partnership with Gracious Friends Animal Sanctuary, representatives will be on-site to introduce visitors to adoptable animals.

In addition to supporting local animal rescue efforts, the event will highlight the wide range of pet supplies available at Tractor Supply, including food, toys, training tools, and health products.

For more information, contact the Ogdensburg Tractor Supply at 315-393-8323.

Students assist in celebration of history

WADDINGTON — Clarkson University Honors Program students once again played a pivotal role in Waddington's October Celebration of History, lending their support to the Waddington Museum and local historian Kathy Putney.

This year, students Catherine Koran, Remington (Remy) Hafer, Lauren Nelson, Lucas Lacerda, and Keona Ly helped organize exhibits, interact with visitors, and assist with event setup and clean-up. They also worked closely with Putney to organize museum collections and files—a job that would have taken years without their help.

"We've been so fortunate to have these talented

students," Putney said. "With their help, we've tackled projects that would've been impossible to do on my own."

One standout project was Hafer's reproduction of a pre-Seaway map of St. Lawrence Avenue, which highlighted how much the area changed after Seaway construction. His visual comparison of the past and present was a major hit at the event.

Koran, reflecting on the experience, noted her growing appreciation for Waddington's history, particularly after participating in the Lost Villages exhibit. "I loved learning about the community's stories and seeing how meaningful these exhibits were for locals," she said.

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Super Saturday

MASSENA — Super Saturday is back at selected SeaComm locations. These free tax prep events provide the opportunity for low and moderate-income working individuals and families to have their income tax return prepared free of charge. Eligibility is generally limited to taxpayers with an income under \$70,000. SeaComm, in partnership the Akwesasne and Potsdam VITA sites, The AARP Tax Aide Program along with the IRS will host Super Saturday as follows: February 22, at SeaComm's Main Office from 8-11:30 a.m.; and March 22, at SeaComm's Ogdensburg Branch from 12-4 p.m. IRS trained volunteers will be on hand to prepare returns for eligible workers. Appointments for Super Saturday are required, as walk-ins will not be allowed. To make an appointment or for more information, call toll free 1-800-764-0566.

BRIEFLY

'Mamma Mia' bus trip

OGDENSBURG — North Country Insurance Professionals are hosting a bus trip to the Landmark Theater in Syracuse to see the musical Mamma Mia! on Friday, March 14. Trip Details: Departure at 3:30 p.m. from the Save A Lot parking lot on Canton Street in Ogdensburg. Dinner will be at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse at 5:30 p.m. Dinner selections include: Spaghetti and meatballs, lasagna, manicotti, chicken alfredo, chicken caesar salad, salad, bread, and non-alcoholic drinks included After dinner, the group will head to the Landmark Theater for the 7:30 p.m. performance. The group will return to Ogdensburg between 11-11:30 p.m. The cost is \$175, which includes the bus ride, dinner, theater ticket, taxes, tip, and parking. Contact Robin Miller to reserve your spot at 315-323-0282 or ram403@aol.com.

Masonic Charities citrus sale

St. Lawrence Masonic Charities is holding its annual citrus sale. Orders will be taken until Feb. 15. Citrus will be delivered on March 1. Citrus available are Navel Oranges 2/5 bushel for \$31 dollars, Red grapefruit 2/5 of a bushel for \$31, Navel/grapefruit mix 2/5 bushel for \$38, and Anjou pairs 1/4 bushel for \$29. Proceeds from the sale are used to help those in need in the

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Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

PRINT ONLINE MOBILE SOCIAL | **North Country EMPLOYMENT** To Place Your Ad: 315-265-1000 NorthCountryNow.com/Classifieds

EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL has an immediate opening for a FTE Ten Month LPN. Applications are due on Friday, February 14, 2025. Substitutes in all areas are also being accepted, this is an ongoing search without an application deadline. Applications can be submitted at www.eksk12.org. Transcripts should be sent to the attention of Brandi Graham, District Clerk, 2512 CR 24, Hermon, NY 13652.

In-home healthcare for 92-year-old woman. 40 hours a week \$18.60/hour between Winthrop and Massena on Route 420. 315-296-8823

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is in search of a Delivery Clerk. Starting salary is \$37,281 with excellent benefits. Generous vacation and sick time allowance, Public Service Loan Forgiveness eligibility and the option to enroll in the St. Lawrence County's health insurance or opt out of the insurance and receive a buyout in the amount of \$2,000 for single coverage or \$4,000 for family. Duties of this position involves the collection, sorting, and delivery of mail and packages, incoming and outgoing. Please note that possession of a valid New York State motor vehicle license is required and must be able to lift weight in excess of fifty (50) pounds. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. Applications accepted until position has been filled. Applications can be obtained from the St. Lawrence County's website, <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/> or by contacting Human Resources at (315)379-2210. AA/EEO

St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services is in search of a Computer Programmer/Analyst. Starting salary is \$52,635 with excellent benefits. Generous vacation and sick time allowance, Public Service Loan Forgiveness eligibility and the option to enroll in the St. Lawrence County's health insurance or opt out of the insurance and receive a buyout in the amount of \$2,000 for single coverage or \$4,000 for family. This is a technical position responsible for generating and maintaining the operating systems, programs, systems design and other software required by a computer system and its user agencies. An employee in this class designs logic for systems programs and for modifications to the systems. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. Applications accepted until position has been filled. Applications can be obtained from the St. Lawrence County's website, [https://stlaw-](https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com/)

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
Temporary/Per-Diem Dispatcher/Senior Clerk
Safety & Security

St. Lawrence University invites applications to apply for a **Temporary/Per-Diem Dispatcher/Senior Clerk** position. The salary range is \$16.00 - \$16.50/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4011> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

portal.mycivilservice.com/ or by contacting Human Resources at (315)379-2210. AA/EEO

AJs Portables is Hiring! Must have a clean driving record and pass a DOT physical. Tasks include truck driving, cleaning porta potties, picking up and delivering toilets. For more information call 315 393 6152. EOE

Producer: Under the direction of the Akwesasne TV Executive Producer, the Producer's responsibilities will vary from video project to project, but will include organizing production, related teams and personnel, coordinating in-studio shoots, operating live broadcasting equipment, supervising lighting or sound plans, editing scripts, or writing scripts for items. The Producer will also coordinate, film and edit, select assigned video segments and be responsible for ensuring segments are approved for broadcast. The Producer may also be tasked with operational duties such as generating financial quotes related to production or status updates on productions. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$30.44 Deadline: February 19, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

The Collections and Arts Programming

Manager (a 12-month position) will join a dedicated team of professionals tasked with stewarding the art collections and select arts endowments held by Potsdam College Foundation. This position is responsible for the daily duties of managing the Foundation's extensive art collection, LoKo Arts programming and supporting other arts engagement events, as needed. This will primarily require managing the Foundation's extensive art collection in close coordination with the Director and the Foundation Art Collection Committee, including the proper handling, storage, shipping and general treatment of the Collection; oversee installation of pieces in public spaces on campus; and maintaining accurate and thorough records of all pieces held in the Collection. Additionally, managing the LoKo Arts grant cycle and supporting other arts engagement events made possible through endowed funds held by the Foundation will be required. The successful candidate will bring exceptional interpersonal, organizational, and stewardship skills along with professionalism and inclusiveness with the capability to manage multiple projects and deadlines. The ability to work nights and weekends, as needed, will be necessary. Bachelor's degree required. SUNY Potsdam alumni are encouraged to apply.

CANTON DAY CARE CENTER
Child Care Professionals Needed

Infant Head of Group
Full time positions. Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Infant/Toddler CDA and 2 years experience working with infants.
\$16.50/Hour. Paid holidays, sick, personal & vacation time.

Toddler Head of Group (18 mth - 2 yo)
Full time position. Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood or Infant/Toddler CDA and 2 years experience with toddlers.
\$16.50/Hour. Paid holidays, sick, personal & vacation time.

Employment is subject to background checks. Email resume and two professional references to: cantondaycare@twcny.rr.com
Questions, call Nancy Fox, Executive Director • 315-379-1829.

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
Principal Clerk Bookkeeper
SLU Bookstore

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a 12-Month, **Principal Clerk** position. The salary range is \$17.72 - \$24.49/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3982> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

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**St. Lawrence County
Community Services Department**
is in search of the following positions:

- **Licensed Mental Health Counselor** (LMHC) - *NO civil service exam required
- **Licensed Master Social Worker** (LMSW) - *NO civil service exam required
- **Supervising Social Worker** (LCSW)
- **Senior Chemical Dependency Counselor**
- **Chemical Dependency Counselor**
*NO civil service exam required

Applications accepted until position filled.
You can apply online at
<https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com>.

Applications can also be obtained from St. Lawrence County's website,
<https://stlawco.org/Departments/HumanResources>

or by contacting Human Resources

315-379-2210

Send application to:

St. Lawrence County

Human Resources Office

48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

AA/EEO



**St. Lawrence
Federal Credit Union**

Marketing Officer

At St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, we are passionate about being a trusted provider of financial services while building lasting relationships with our members, employees and community.

We are looking for a dynamic and creative **Marketing Officer** to join our team and help us expand our reach, engage with our members and future members and elevate our presence. The Marketing Officer will oversee the process of marketing and business development within the Credit Union's field of membership.

Must have experience with print and digital marketing, social media management and content creation.

SLFCU offers a generous benefit package and the salary range for this position is \$61,000 to \$71,000. Minimum of 3 years previous experience.

Please submit cover letter, resume and samples of your work to demonstrate your skills to Jean M. Clouse, Vice President of Human Resources, at jclouse@stlawfcu.com no later than February 14.

A full job description can be obtained from Jean M. Clouse at jclouse@stlawfcu.com.

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**ST. LAWRENCE
UNIVERSITY**

Principal Clerk

SLU Bookstore

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a 12-Month, **Principal Clerk** position. The salary range is \$17.72 - \$24.49/hr.

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/3974> or <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

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**St. Lawrence County
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, INC.**

**HEAD START
has the current openings:**

Health/Disabilities Coordinator: Canton Administrative Office. Bachelors in Community Health or a RN. The position is full time, 35 hours per week, 43 weeks/year following the school calendar. The salary is \$21.20 per hour.

Secretary: Canton Administrative Office. Knowledge of secretarial duties and strong computer skills. The position is full time, 35 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. The salary is \$17.28 per hour.

Assistant Teacher: Potsdam (1) Center: Person must have a minimum of a CDA (Child Development Accreditation), or a written plan of study. Early childhood experience preferred. The salary range is \$16.76 - \$17.69 per hour based on credential.

Classroom Aide: Potsdam (1) Center: Person must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. BOCES Certificate of Early Childhood, CDA, or substantial experience in early childhood daycare preferred. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

Health Professional for Brasher/Norwood and around the county: Experience in the Medical Field. Medical Professional, CNA, etc. Experience with young children a plus. The salary range is \$17.69 to \$18.87 per hour depending on the degree/certification.

Bus Monitors for Gouverneur (1) and Brasher Center (1): Persons must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Person should enjoy working with preschool aged children. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

Bus Monitor/Classroom Aide for Parishville Center (1): Persons must have a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Person should enjoy working with preschool aged children. The salary is \$16.76 per hour.

Substitutes in the following positions are needed: Teacher, Assistant Teacher, Classroom Aides, Cooks and Bus Drivers.

Job Descriptions are available on our website at www.slccdp.org

Positions follow the BOCES Calendar.

Send letter of interest, resume and three current, signed and dated written letters of reference including phone number, address, and email address to Head Start, One Commerce Lane, Canton, NY 13617.

Deadline is until the positions are filled. Head Start is an EOE. Call 315-386-8574 ext.: 111, 114 or 119 for further information.

**ST. LAWRENCE
UNIVERSITY**

General Laborer

Facilities Operations Department

St. Lawrence University invites applications for a Full-time **General Laborer**. The salary is \$15.50 - \$20.38/hr. To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/> for all positions available.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the finalist successfully passing a background (including criminal records) check.

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**Safety and Occupational
Health Manager
Great Lakes St. Lawrence
Seaway Massena, NY**

View complete posting on www.USAJOBS.gov (search on Massena, NY). This vacancy will close on 04/14/2025, there will be early consideration 02/10/2025.

For guidance please watch 'How to Apply for Federal Jobs', among other informational videos, on www.youtube.com/user/usajobsapp. For additional questions email U.S. Department of Transportation's Automated Staffing Office - TRANSJOBS@dot.gov.

Learn more by visiting <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5311EOE>

Bronson Service Corp is looking for a highly motivated heating service technician with great oil burner skills as well as well-rounded, overall heating knowledge. Wages and commission from \$47,500 to \$69,500 for the right technician. Stop by at 7585 US Highway 11, Potsdam for an application or email pbronson@nnyemail.com.

Position opening: Head of School, St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Canton; starting Fall 2025. www.sienaacademy.org/careers.

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Louisville will be accepting applications to work in the Summer Recreation Program, as Youth Counselors. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 to 21 and preferably a resident of Louisville. Candidates must be highly motivated and willing to work with the community youth in a Summer Recreation Program. Responsibilities include overseeing, participating and interacting with the children. If you are interested in being considered for one of the positions, you can pick up an application at the Louisville Town Clerk's office, Monday 8am to 4pm, Tuesday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00pm, Friday 9am - 3pm or download the application at louisvilleneuveyork.com. The deadline for submitting an application is March 14, 2025. If you have any questions please call the office at 764-7473. The Town of Louisville is an equal opportunity employer. Date: 1/09/2025 Amy Ellsworth Louisville Town Clerk

Home Health Aide - Hospice of St Lawrence Valley has openings for full-time, part-time, and per diem Home Health Aides to provide direct care to Hospice patients under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Must be a New York State Certified Home Health Aide and possess a valid NYS Driver's license and dependable personal vehicle. Travel throughout St Lawrence County is required. Salary \$17-\$19/hour. Applications are available at hospiceslv.org or by calling Hospice at 315-265-3105.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS - CPH Guild Gift Shop Sales Associates Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (four hour shifts). Two shift commitment per month. 20% Gift Shop Discount Perk. Contact: Sue Dougherty - 315-262-4387 or doughertysd209@gmail.com

Canton doctor's office looking for front desk and billing professional. Caring atmosphere. Competitive pay and benefits. Full-time. Contact drlisaftowle@yahoo.com or 315-854-0048

Cleaner/Housekeeper needed at the Potsdam Human Society Duties include cleaning all dog, cat, and small animal enclosures; providing fresh food, water, bedding, and litter; washing and sanitizing dishes, litter pans, and other animal equipment; sweeping, vacuuming, and mopping; laundry; stocking and organizing supply room; cleaning the bathroom; and trash removal. Duties are divided into 3 main categories: Dogs, Cats, and Housekeeping. Background check required. Reply to: Victoria Murray, Shelter Manager: 315-265-3199 or victoria@potsdamhumansociety.org. EOE

In Home Caretaker Needed Are you OVER the clinical atmosphere of traditional nursing homes? Are you TIRED of being overworked and have an insane patient load? Do you want to get back your passion in compassion? If you're reliable and have a positive attitude, then you may be a good fit to take care of my beautiful Mother. Schedule is 5 days a week and 5 hours per day. Salary is \$30/hr. Apply by contacting me via email at Rknight2@gmail.com for more info.

Trivia Test

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the spaceship on the TV drama "Firefly"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only tropical rainforest in the United States?
3. LITERATURE: What is the title of author Oscar Wilde's only complete novel?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of the killer in the movie "Silence of the Lambs"?
5. SCIENCE: What are the three branches of science?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which fast-food chain's slogan is, "What you crave"?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many NFL teams are named after animals (including birds)?
8. U.S. STATES: In which state is the U.S. Naval Academy located?
9. ASTRONOMY: How many constellations are visible from Earth?
10. ART: What is the Japanese art of arranging flowers called?

Answers found elsewhere in this paper.

**Your Ad
Could Be
HERE!**

**NORTH COUNTRY
THIS WEEK**

315-265-1000
ThisWeek@NorthCountryNow.com

The St. Lawrence County Information Technology Department is in search of a Computer Technician. The starting salary is \$52,635 with excellent benefits. This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service examination and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed. To view the full job posting and apply please visit <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources>. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send applications to: Human Resources Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617. Applications can be obtained online at <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources> or by contacting Human Resources (315)379-2210. AA/EEEO

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST - ENGINEERING OFFICE IN CANTON: Full time position to provide administrative and clerical support. Duties include typing, filing, answering telephone, processing mail, general office tasks, assembling contract specifications for construction bidding purposes. High school diploma required; Associates degree in related field preferred. Proficiency in Word, WordPerfect and Excel required. 4 years experience in a deadline-oriented environment; well organized, solution oriented; self starter, efficient, productive, works well with a team. Minimum 4 year experience. Benefits include Health Insurance, 401K, vacation and sick leave. Salary range \$18.00 - \$22.00 per hour based on experience. Engineering and/or construction related background preferred but not required. Forward resume to Tisdell Associates, PO Box 400, Canton, NY 13617 or by email at mestep@tisdellassociates.com. Tisdell Associates is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Tisdell Associates, a multi-discipline engineering firm, is seeking a full-time structural, civil or environmental engineer for their team. Responsibilities of this position include producing design calculations and construction documents; coordination with the design team and team members of our office and construction administration services for a wide variety of projects. Experience using Revit, structural engineering design software, and Microsoft Office software is preferred. Forward resume to Tisdell Associates, PO Box 400, Canton, NY 13617 or to mestep@tisdellassociates.com. Tisdell Associates is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Medical Director: This Medical Director will join an engaged and cohesive medical staff, supported by a strong and thoughtful leadership team in the delivery of patient-centered care by evidence-based standards. As the Medical Director you will provide oversight of medical programs operations by ensuring a high quality of healthcare is delivered through the entire life span. Provides strategic plan and guidance and constantly monitors fiscal responsibility of medical operations. Status: Exempt, Full-time, Permanent Salary: Negotiable Deadline: Open Until Filled. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Recycling Coordinator: The Recycling Coordinator, under the supervision of the Transfer Station Solid Waste Manager, will collaborate with staff and customers to promote waste diversion initiatives. This role involves developing and evaluating the Tribe's recycling and waste reduction programs. Status: Full-time, Non-exempt, Permanent Salary: \$15.63 - \$36.78 Deadline: February 26, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

Security Guard (Part-Time): Under the direction of the Community Advocacy Program Lead Security Guard, the Security Guard is responsible to maintain a safe and



**Morristown
Central School**
408 Gouverneur Street
Morristown, NY 13664



**Hammond
Central School District**
51 S. Main Street,
Hammond, NY 13646

Speech-Language Pathologist/Speech Therapist

Morristown Central School and Hammond Central School are searching for a shared, full-time Speech-Language Pathologist/Speech Therapist to join our teams.

Responsibilities:

- Assessing, diagnosing, screening, and treating language, speech, communication, and swallowing disorders in children.
- Providing speech/language improvement and language enrichment services to general education students.
- Developing individual educational plans for students.
- Educating patients and their families on speech disorders and details of therapy.
- Providing augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) systems for individuals with severe expressive and/or language comprehension disorders, such as autism spectrum disorder or progressive neurological disorders.
- Working collaboratively with professionals from many other disciplines.

Requirements:

- Master's degree in speech therapy or speech-language pathology.
- Relevant license and certification.
- Sound understanding of speech-related disorders and treatments.
- Familiarity with database management software.
- Excellent relationship-building skills.
- Resourcefulness and strong problem-solving skills.

To Apply:

- Complete the BOCES Common Application, which can be found at: <https://forms.sllbooces.org/Forms/CommonApplication>.
- Submit a letter of interest, three (3) letters of recommendation, copies of college transcripts, and a copy of certification(s).
- Application material can also be mailed to either School's District Office.

Position will remain open until filled.



Clifton-Fine Hospital
Trusted Care Close to Home

PHARMACIST

HOW WE CARE FOR YOU

At Clifton Fine Hospital, we are dedicated to providing high quality personalized healthcare to the community. We strive for employee wellbeing, professional development and personal growth. We care for your career while caring for the community.

SUMMARY

Performs high-quality care. Coordinating pharmacy services to meet our needs. Join the Clifton Fine Hospital team and be part of our mission to provide high quality personalized healthcare to our community! Clifton Fine Hospital is a vital part of our community, offering exceptional healthcare services in a welcoming and compassionate environment. We are a Rural Emergency Hospital with Primary Care Clinic and other outpatient services.

STATUS: Per Diem
LOCATION: Star Lake Hospital
DEPARTMENT: Pharmacy
SCHEDULE: minimum of once a month, 8 hours and may include some call hours

ATTRIBUTES

- **REQUIRED:** Licensed Pharmacist.
- Must be able to work in a fast paced environment, work independently and lift 1/- 50lbs
- Looking for candidate that embraces customer service and who can work with all facets of Healthcare providers.
- **PREFERRED:** 1-3 years of experience
- New graduates are invited to apply
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RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Developing pharmacy services to fit the needs of our patients
- Supervising staff
- Coordinating Pharmacy services
- Create reports
- visual survey of premises for regulatory compliance
- process outdates
- audit controlled substances
- ordering medications
- meeting with clinical staff to address any ordering or administration issues as needed

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:
M - Medium Work – lifting, pushing and pulling patients; requires frequent walking, standing or squatting.
Any physical requirements reported by a prospective employee and/or employee's physician or delegate will be considered for accommodations.

PAY RANGE:
\$65.00 - \$75.00

BENEFITS: NYS SICK

PLEASE VISIT: www.CliftonFineHospital.org
1014 Oswegatchie Trail • Star Lake • 315.848.3351



**Are you looking to
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?**

**Join our
Family Care
Program!**




St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, an Office of Mental Health (OMH) facility, is looking for individuals to join their **FAMILY CARE PROGRAM**. The Family Care Program is a residential program sponsored by OMH for individuals with mental illness

Family Care Providers provide daily care in their home including:
Medication management • Meal preparation
Transportation for appointments

Want to learn more about how you can contribute to an individual's recovery?
Join us for an informational session
March 3, 4, 6, 7, 20, 21, 24, & 25
9am - 3pm
Unity Building; 1 Chimney Point Drive, Ogdensburg

QUESTIONS?
Contact Johnnie Flynn, Family Care Coordinator
(315) 394-0101 ext. 140 or
Johnnie.Flynn@omh.ny.gov



IT Systems Administrator

St. Lawrence Federal Credit is a member-focused Credit Union dedicated to providing exceptional financial services to our community. Our team is driven by innovation, trust and a commitment to enhancing the financial well-being of our members.

We are looking for a talented and dedicated **IT Systems Administrator** to help support and maintain our IT infrastructure and systems. As an IT Systems Administrator, you will play a crucial role in maintaining, supporting and enhancing the Credit Union's IT Systems, including servers, networks and applications. As a part of the IT Department, you will assist in ensuring the security, reliability, and efficiency of all IT Systems, working closely with other departments to meet the Credit Union's technology needs.

SLFCU offers a generous benefit package and the salary range for this position is \$64,000 to \$74,000.

Please submit cover letter and resume to Jean M. Clouse, Vice President of Human Resources, at jclouse@stlawrfcu.com no later than February 14.

A full job description can be obtained from Jean M. Clouse at jclouse@stlawrfcu.com.

St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Regis Falls Central School District (EO/AE) is accepting applications for the following position:

Secondary Science Teacher (Chemistry, Earth Science)
Special Education Teacher
School Counselor
School Psychologist
Speech Pathologist (Part-Time)
Cook Manager
Starting Date: ASAP
Application Deadline: March 10, 2025

Qualifications, job description and application can be found online at: <https://www.stregiscsd.org/district/employment-opportunities>

Completed applications can be emailed to dgoodrich@stregiscsd.org or mailed to:

St. Regis Falls Central School Attn: Alexis Chapman
P.O. Box 309, 92 North Main Street
St. Regis Falls, NY 12980

EOE

Cornell Cooperative Extension St. Lawrence County

4-H EDUCATOR

POSITION SUMMARY:

This position will serve as the Dairy Education Specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of St. Lawrence County and will assist in program communication, implementation, and coordination of Agriculture and Dairy Promotion programs. Responsibilities include direct programming implementation and coordination of existing Youth and Family Development programming utilizing already-established curriculum, activities, and resources. Under the oversight of the Team Leader, this position will plan, implement, and communicate programming for a menu of Agriculture Education programs and program activities. This position requires a strong skillset in communication and will utilize a variety of educational delivery methods, both on-site and off-site to include, but not limited to direct teaching, group experiences, media, newsletters, electronic technology, internet, virtual learning, workshops, contests and forums. The Specialist will communicate relevant and rigorous Agriculture and Dairy content to students while incorporating educational resources which are adaptable for in-person instruction, virtual learning, and the new hybrid model of education.

This position will also serve as the Ag in the Classroom Dairy Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of St. Lawrence County and will assist in program communication, implementation, and coordination of Agriculture and Dairy Promotion programs. Under the oversight of the Team Leader, this position will plan, implement, and communicate programming for a menu of Agriculture Education programs and program activities. This position requires a strong skillset in communication and will utilize a variety of educational delivery methods, both on-site and off-site to include, but not limited to direct teaching, group experiences, media, newsletters, electronic technology, internet, virtual learning, workshops, contests, and forums. The Educator will communicate relevant and rigorous Agriculture and Dairy content to students while incorporating educational resources which are adaptable for in-person instruction, virtual learning, and the new hybrid model of education.

Please contact **Badra Rouhi, Human Resources Manager at 315-379-9192 with questions.**

POSITION DETAILS:

This position is a full-time, non-exempt position, 40 hours per week. The hourly rate for this position is \$20.00 to \$21.00 commensurate with experience. This position, based on eligibility, offers a comprehensive benefit package, to include: health and dental insurance, NYS retirement, vacation, sick and personal leave.

POSITION INFORMATION:

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent education (Associate's Degree and two (2) years of transferrable program/functional experience).
- Experience relevant to the role of the position.
- Valid NYS Driver's License and the ability to meet travel requirements associated with this position.
- Ability to work flexible hours which may include evenings and/or weekends, as appropriate.
- Ability to work and communicate remotely (including but not limited to phone, email, and video conferencing), if deemed necessary.

For a full position description and to apply, <https://bit.ly/4goqZzC>

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICE ASSISTANT II / KEYBOARDING

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two years office experience.
- Passed the typing test.

This title is part of the New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide Program (NY HELPS).

For the duration of the NY HELPS Program, this title may be filled via a non-competitive appointment, which means no examination is required but all candidates must meet the minimum qualifications of the title for which they apply. At this time, agencies may recruit and hire employ-

ees by making a permanent non-competitive appointment and the official probationary period will begin.

At a future date (within one year of permanent appointment), it is expected employees hired under NY HELPS will have their non-competitive employment status converted to competitive status, without having to compete in an examination. Employees will then be afforded with all the same rights and privileges of competitive class employees of New York State. While serving permanently in a NY HELPS title, employees may take part in any promotion examination for which they are qualified.

INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNER / SL-2

SALARY RANGE: \$45,156 - \$47,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field – education, instructional media/technology, curriculum design, or related field.
- Knowledge of learning theories and instructional design models.

- Experience in course design.
- Demonstrated commitment to student success in online and other environments.
- Clear, concise, and friendly communication skills.
- Organizational and time management skills.
- Commitment to service excellence.

FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANT SL-2 / ADVISOR SL-3

SALARY RANGE: \$49,261 - \$60,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated experience delivering effective communication via telephone, email, virtually, or in person.
- Associate's degree from an accredited college with a minimum of 2 years of experience in a customer service-related

- office setting.
- Eligibility to access federal computerized systems (Applicants must be in good standing on federal student loans to be eligible).
- Experience with Microsoft Office programs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LECTURER

SALARY RANGE: \$50,000-\$65,000

11-MONTH POSITION

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in early childhood, child development, or related field with emphasis on children from infancy to age 5.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in the field of early care and

- education working with children from birth to age 5 years.
- Knowledge of Child Care Regulations and Licensing.
- College teaching at the undergraduate level in both online and in person settings.
- Experience designing and developing undergraduate courses relevant to the early childhood discipline.
- Knowledge of Online Learning Management Systems.

FOUNDATION ACCOUNTANT

SALARY RANGE: \$40,000 - \$45,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Associate's degree in accounting, finance, or business.
- One to three years of accounting experience.
- General comfort and proficiency in various software

- systems.
- Experience working in Microsoft Office products, particularly Word and Excel as well as stand-alone accounting software systems.
- Valid driver's license.

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SALARY RANGE: \$62,596 - \$65,000

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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR / FACULTY

SALARY RANGE: \$95,000 - \$105,000

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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The School of Business and Liberal Arts invites applications for the Director of the Business Department position. We

are seeking an energetic and forward-looking leader with strong academic and professional accomplishments who can serve in this key leadership position to drive the department to new heights. The director will have the opportunity to shape the business department and collaborate with the visionary dean to advance the department and help define the new future for the department.

Prior to final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

Application Deadline: open until filled; application review begins immediately. For more information or to apply for the above positions, please visit:

<https://employment.canton.edu/>



City of Ogdensburg Employment Opportunity Deputy City Clerk

The City of Ogdensburg is currently accepting applications for the position of **DEPUTY CITY CLERK.**

This position is an important administrative position involving responsibility for executing the critical functions of city government. The successful candidate must have the ability to handle multiple responsibilities in a deadline driven environment where confidentiality, attention to detail and flexibility are imperative. There is considerable contact with the public and local officials involved with the execution of this position's primary duties.

The starting salary is \$54,000 to \$57,000, depending on qualifications with an excellent fringe benefit package including NYS retirement and platinum-level health insurance significantly covered by the City.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ARE: Must be a resident of the corporate city limits of the City of Ogdensburg. graduation from high school or the possession of a high school equivalency diploma and five years of full-time paid work experience in a responsible administrative position with preference given for candidates with a legal background. The selected candidate will be required to successfully pass the New York State Notary Public examination within six months of appointment.

Interested candidates must complete a Civil Service application (available at the City Clerk's Office or on the City website at www.ogdensburg.org).

Please return completed applications to City Clerk Cathy A. Jock, 330 Ford Street, Room #4, Ogdensburg, New York 13669. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and reviewed on a weekly basis beginning on February 7, 2025.

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secure environment for the Three Sisters Safe Home Residents and staff by patrolling and monitoring the building premises and grounds. Status: Part-Time, Non-exempt Salary: \$15.63 - \$21.7 Deadline: February 12, 2025. Complete announcement and application instructions are available online at: www.srmt-nsn.gov

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The Town of Stockholm Highway Department is looking for a part time employee with peak hours in summer and winter months. A class A or B CDL license is preferred and must be within suitable driving distance of the Town of Stockholm Highway Department.

Job duties include roadside mowing from May 20th to September 30th and also part time plowing in the winter. If interested, please see the Stockholm Town Clerk during regular business hours; Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM for an application. We will be accepting applications until February 27, 2025. EOE

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St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is looking to fill the following position:

Director of Special Education

Seeking qualified candidate with NYS School District Leadership (SDL) or NYS School District Administrator (SDA) certification. This position provides direct leadership, management, supervision, evaluation and oversight of special education programming and services for students with disabilities ages 3 to 21. Director will collaborate with the 18 component school districts, NYSED and other agencies to ensure the effective delivery of special education services.



Deadline for applications- March 5, 2025

The BOCES application can be accessed and submitted online at www.sllboces.org.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE



Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement

St. Lawrence University invites applications for an **Associate Director of Laurentian Engagement**. Reporting to the Director of Laurentian Engagement, the Associate Director will be responsible for the overall coordination of Reunion Weekend planning and other designated events under Laurentian Engagement. Salary range \$60,406 - \$62,000 annually. The actual rate will be determined based on experience and other factors permitted by law.

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The salary range is \$24 - \$28 per hour

To view the complete position description, including minimum qualifications required, as well as application instructions please visit: <https://employment.stlawu.edu/postings/4009>. St. Lawrence University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Massena Central School District
is currently accepting applications for the
2025-26 school year for the following position:

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TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENT: Nightengale Elementary School
Nightengale Elementary School Demographics:
• Student Enrollment: 472
• Certified Instructional Staff: 24
• Non-Instructional Staff: 33

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
• Active School Building Leadership (SBL) Certification
• Three (3) years of teaching experience

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
• Experience in administration and supervision comparison to that of an elementary principal

For more information and to apply, please contact Massena Central School Human Resources at (315)764-3700 ext. 3011 or visit www.mcs.k12.ny.us.

Please forward a letter of interest, completed application, SBL Certification, three current letters of recommendation and transcripts by **FEBRUARY 10, 2025**.

WE ARE HIRING!

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES is looking to fill the following positions:

Special Education Consultant Teacher
Seeking qualified candidate with NYS certification in Students with Disabilities (7-12 or All Grades). This position provides direct and indirect services to students with disabilities that are enrolled in a Career and Technical Education Program at Northwest Tech in Ogdensburg and Southwest Tech in Fowler.

Teaching Assistants
Seeking candidates to work with students attending special education programming in Canton, Potsdam or Ogdensburg. NYS Teaching Assistant certification required. Interested candidates who are not certified can sub and we will guide candidates through the certification process. Fingerprint clearance, a high school diploma or GED, NYS Teacher ATAS exam, and three workshops required for certification.

The BOCES application can be accessed and submitted online at www.sllboces.org.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE

ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS BOCES

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SUNY Potsdam's Office of Institutional Effectiveness is accepting on-line applications for a data analyst. The person in this position will be responsible for preparing accurate and timely data for external data submissions, designing summary reports and producing data to support operational efficiencies in collaboration with other institutional departments. This position will also support and assist with the reporting needs of the University and its department: to federal, state, and other accrediting agencies. For full details, including required and preferred qualifications, and to apply please visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5308>. Review of materials will continue until the position is filled. EOE

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ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Senior Associate Director of Major and Planned Gifts

St. Lawrence University invites applications a **Senior Associate Director of Major and Planned Gifts**. The Senior Associate Director plays a key role in executing a robust major gifts program. This individual will be based in Canton, with the option of being remote based in VT, NH, or ME. S/he will travel extensively to qualify, cultivate, solicit and steward prospective alumni, parents and friends as major and planned giving donors. Salary range \$95,000 - \$115,000 annually. The actual rate will be determined based on experience and other factors permitted by law.

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The School of Education and Professional Studies at the SUNY College at Potsdam invites applications for a full-time (10-month) Instructor of Elementary Education in the Department of Teacher Education. With a commitment to enhancing diversity and equity for all students, this position focuses on excellence in teaching while offering a unique opportunity to actively engage with P-6 school partners in the support of preservice and inservice educators. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting curricula and teaching undergraduate and graduate courses for SUNY Potsdam's Elementary Education programs, developing and maintaining partnerships with regional schools, and supervising teacher candidates in practicum and/or student teaching placements. While a variety of instructional modalities will be required, including online this is a residential position at the SUNY Potsdam campus. Required qualifications for this position include an earned master's degree in Education or a closely related field from an accredited institution; at least 3 years of successful classroom teaching in a P-6 setting; state teaching certification; and experience supervising preservice teachers. Applicants must submit a CV, letter of intent specifically addressing the responsibilities and candidate qualifications as stated in this position announcement, and a list of 3-5 references. To review the complete job description and upload appropriate documents, visit <https://employment.potsdam.edu/postings/5288>. Application review will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. EOE

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Associate Director of Annual Giving

St. Lawrence University invites applications for an **Associate Director of Annual Giving**. Reporting to the Director of Annual Giving, the Associate Director will be responsible for leading and coordinating the reunion fundraising component of the St. Lawrence Fund.

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Miah Scott of Heuvelton Central School goes up for a shot in recent Section X basketball action.

Heuvelton Bulldogs athlete shines with Fries award

HEUVELTON — Miah Scott, a senior in the Heuvelton Central School District, recently received the runner-up award of \$750 for the Dennis E. Fries Scholarship for Section X through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

The scholarship aims to recognize distinguished scholastic, leadership and sportsmanship attributes of high school student-athletes, as well as the importance of high school athletics in students' lives.

Miah is an active member of the Bulldogs community and a captain

on the Heuvelton CSD Girls' Varsity basketball team.

"Miah has performed well academically over the years while also being engaged in sports during all three seasons...I have had the opportunity to watch her lead others time and again in games," Jon Putney, Heuvelton athletic director, said. Miah isn't very vocal in general, but when she does speak, her fellow teammates or classmates listen and respect her views."

To learn more about scholarship opportunities through the NIAAA, visit [https://niaaa.org/awards-recognition#student-athlete-scholar-](https://niaaa.org/awards-recognition#student-athlete-scholar)

Referee shortage hits St. Lawrence area

The growth in programs of the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) has created a continuous need for more soccer referees so please consider making it your New Year's resolution to become certified.

There will be certification classes held in 2025 throughout Eastern New York.

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Eastern New York is seeking new referees to be in the middle and/or on the line as assistant referees in youth soccer games throughout the state. The minimum age is 14 years old to become certified. You manage your availability so officiating works with all the rest that you do.

For more information, log on to <https://ensyreferee.org/how-to-become-a-referee/>. If you have any questions, e-mail questions@ensyreferee.org

With over 100,000 youth soccer players—both boys and girls—and more than 25,000 volunteers, the non-profit Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) stretches from Montauk Point, Long Island to the Canadian border. Members are affiliated with 10 leagues throughout the association, which covers the entire state of New York east of Route 81.

ENYYSA exists to promote and enhance the game of soccer for children and teenagers between the ages of 5 and 19 years old, and to encourage the healthy development of youth players, coaches, referees and administrators.

All levels of soccer are offered—from intramural, travel team and premier players as well as Children With Special Needs. No child who wants to play soccer is turned away. ENYYSA is a proud member of the United States Soccer Federation and US Youth Soccer.



Mark Laguador | Submitted

Massena figure skater Summer Sky Henderson performs at the 2025 Empire State Winter Games held in Lake Placid.

Massena figure skaters win 12 medals at Empire Games

MASSENA — Lake Placid's Olympic ice provided the perfect stage for the Massena Figure Skating Club as they competed in the 2025 Empire State Winter Games.

Skaters Madison Laguador, Anna Jock-Miller, Brooklyn Laguador, Mackenzie Swamp, Amelia Jarrett, Lily Tiernan, Summer Sky Henderson, Sonja Mitchell, Piper Stokes, Ava Taylor, Laila Jarrett, Liana Patraw, Abby Niles, Madelyn Rowe, Gracycie Kimble, and Sophia Thompson showcased their talent at the games.

Twelve Massena skaters earned

medals for their performances, bringing home four Gold, three Silver, and five Bronze medals.

Gold Medalists included Brooklyn Laguador, Madison Laguador, Liana Patraw, and Abby Niles.

Silver Medalists were Amelia Jarrett, Sonja Mitchell, and Madelyn Rowe, while Bronze Medalists included Anna Jock-Miller, Lily Tiernan, Laila Jarrett, Gracycie Kimble, and Sophia Thompson.

Guiding skaters through performances were coaches Aimee Auger, Zowie Auger, and Shawn Dobbins.

Stay right, stay sober, don't litter on snowmobile trails

With the current snow season upon us, the St. Lawrence County Trail Advisory Board reminds all snowmobilers of the rules when on snowmobile trails this year.

The following rules are in place:

Rules of the trail for all users

Stay on the marked trail. Enter and exit the trail system only at trailheads or town connectors.

Trails are open 6 a.m. until midnight unless special permission is granted.

Obey all signs, gates and barriers.

Respect the environment. Travel with minimum impact. Do not litter.

Carry out what you carry in and leave nothing behind.

Always carry personal identification.

Watch the weather and dress appropriately. No alcohol may be consumed on the trail.

Be prepared — carry a first aid kit, tools, spare equipment and a cell phone or two-way radio.

"Ride Your Side." Riders will see signs along the trails advising them to stay to the right.

Because some riders have a habit of coming around the inside of blind corners, which can result in potentially hitting an on-coming rider. Trails are narrow winding woods paths with many blind corners. Slow down, do not cut to the inside corners, and "Ride Your Side."

Hospital or morgue visits are not part of the fun. Enjoy this great North Country, and take care of it like it was your own.



Seamus O'Brien, Branch Manager



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